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French anti-terrorist commandos entering the hijacked Air France Airbus at Marseille's Marignane airport on Monday. Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said that the operation had been carried out with "exemplary courage and efficiency."

French Commandos Kill 4 Hijackers in Marseille

Raid Rescues All Remaining Hostages

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

PARIS - French paramilitary commandos stormed a hijacked Air France airliner at the Marseille airport Monday night, freeing about 170 hostages and kill-ing the four Islamic militant gunmen who had seized the plane in Algiers 54 hours

Government officials said that 13 passengers, three crew members and nine policemen were also wounded or injured in the attack, which was launched as night fell in Marseille. Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said the operation was carried out with "exemplary courage and efficiency."

The gunmen, who murdered three hostages in Algiers before they were allowed to fly to France early Monday, reportedly belonged to the Armed Islamic Group, the most violent of the Islamic fundamentalist groups that for the past three years have been trying to topple Algeria's armybacked government.

In a statement released here earlier Monday, the Armed Islamic Group said the action was in reprisal for France's unconditional political, military and economic aid" to the Algerian regime. It demanded an end to this assistance as one of

the conditions for freeing the hostages.

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said the decision to storm the plane was made after it was clear that no peaceful solution was possible. Other government officials

said the gunmen had threatened to kill another hostage at 5:00 P.M. if the plane were not authorized to fly to Paris.

television reporters on the spot spoke of large numbers of dead and wounded.

But even before Mr. Pasqua appeared

They said the order to storm the plane came moments after the gunmen fired some shots at the airport control tower around 5:10 P.M. Five minutes later, with French television stations broadcasting live, viewers could see flashes of grenades

lighting up the darkened tarmac and could hear the sound of repeated gun shots.

Because shots and explosions were heard for more than 10 minutes, there were initially fears that an action planned to last barely one minute had gone badly wrong. And as rumors flew, French radio and

alongside Mr. Balladur at a news conference in Paris to give an initial report on the operation, the TF1 and LC1 television channels were able to broadcast more detailed dramatic images of the action re-corded with special "night" cameras. These showed that the 30 or so comman-

dos from the Gendarmerie's anti-terrorist unit, who were dressed in black and wearing ski-masks, started their attack at the front of the plane in a move aimed at

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'It Was Really Hell' in Cockpit

MARSEILLE - French anti-terrorist

police came under a hail of fire Monday when they burst into the cockpit of an Air France Airbus where the four gunmen were holed up.

"It was really hell," said the head of the commando force that launched the assault, which killed all four young Islamic fundamentalist guerrillas.

Major Denis Favier said the hostagetakers had barricaded themselves in the cockpit and "opened the door from time to time to lob a grenade at us." He said, We came under a rain of automatic

LCI television ran what it said was exclusive film of the 15-minute attack at the Marseille airport, showing dark-clad and hooded commandos entering the Airbus A-300 by the front and rear passenger doors shortly after 5:15 P.M.

Major Favier said they lobbed stun grenades into the passenger cabin after a shot was fired at the airport control tow-

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By Michael Specter New York Times Service

At the same time, one of his most influential deputies insisted publicly that, if anything, the military assault on Grozny, the Chechen capital, must intensify.

ment appeared to have a different account

exhausting Christmas.

Monday of what has taken place in the breakaway province of Chechnya and

Mr. Yeltsin is scheduled to address the nation Tuesday. Despite his talk of peace, many people here feel that Russian troops will soon storm Grozny.

sis. "Any delay will be viewed inside and outside Russia as a sign of the nation's

"Why are people talking about storming the city?" Mr. Shakhrai asked in a televised interview. "I would call it liberation."

Mr. Yeltsin appeared in public Monday for the first time since he sent 40,000

The first stage is coming to an end," he said. "We are going to look at when we can wind up the participation of the military." Although there was almost no bombing in the capital on Monday, his military continued its assault on the region sur-

Battles raged throughout the day at the crucial village of Argun, 16 kilometers (10 miles) east of Grozny. Shelling was conMr. Yeltsin emerged from a lengthy se-clusion to chair the meeting of the Nation-al Security Council, which is made up of civilian and military leaders and has played a central role in the war.

Under attack from human rights advocates for days of bombings in Grozny that appeared mostly to affect civilians, Mr. Yeltsin endured some of his sharpest criti-

cism Monday "I simply cannot understand what is the reason for our young and not-so-young to See YELTSIN, Page 2

Pakistan Orders India to Close Mission, Citing Terrorist Links

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistan ordered India on Monday to close its consulate in Karachi, saying it was "sponsoring terrorism" in the city.

The Pakistani order to close the mission reflected a clear worsening in the ties between the two traditional foes. Foreign Secretary Naimuddin Sheikh

said that the government had evidence that India was behind the strife that has nearly crippled Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, a

port of 9 million people.

"India should be treated as a state that is sponsoring terrorism," Mr. Sheikh said in the capital, Islamabad, "Obviously we cannot allow a center for sabotage, subversion and terrorism to continue to operate within Pakistan."

In New Delhi, an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the order to close the mission "was a matter of greatest regret." He described as unfounded Pakistan's claim that Indian officials were involved in violence in Karachi.

At least 150 people have died in Karachi since Dec. 1 in fighting between political,

ethnic and religious rivals.

Mr. Sheikh said: "We have been constrained to take this decision because of clear and fresh evidence of India's involvement in the planning, instigation and execution of acts of terrorism and violence in Karachi and of the propagation of disaffection and propaganda against the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Pa-

He said be had conveyed the order to High Commissioner S. K. Lambah, the Indian ambassador, asking him to withdraw the 20-member consulate staff, including

He said Mr. Lambah told him that he did not accept the allegations.

Mr. Sheikh said the consulate had been coordinating "networks" of "agents trained for the purposes of conducting terrorism and other anti-state activity." He said the police had arrested 14 peo-

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Yeltsin Signals Readiness for Peace Talks With Chechens

MOSCOW — In a sign of the deepening chaos surrounding the Kremlin, President Boris N. Yeltsin on Monday told his National Security Council that he was pre-pared to initiate peace talks with Chechen

Almost every major figure in the govern-

Washington Post Service

Shortly before midnight on Christmas Eve, her contractions started. Sometime before 3 A.M., she gave birth to a girl,

tentatively named Melissa. Sunday she rested at Sarajevo's

main hospital while her baby lay swaddled in a metal basket

The decision to have a child was a difficult one, Mrs. Topic

said. Despite hopes that a new cease-fire will hold, there is little

hope of an imminent end to Bosnia's 32-month-old war. But

the Roman Catholic woman and her Muslim husband resolved

to damn the future and have the child anyway.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina -- Slavica Topic had an

what will soon occur, creating the sense of an increasingly rudderless Russian govern-

be disarmed and Grozny taken quickly," said Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai D. Yegorov, who has been acting as the chief government negotiator throughout the cri-

Baby Boom Brings New Life to Sarajevo

first time in three years.

That has been the hard line assertion for

weeks. Deputy Prime Minister Sergei M. Shakhrai underscored that position Monday night by saying that troops would not soon be withdrawn, and that if a blockade of the capital did not quickly bring about clearly be justified.

In Sarajevo, more and more couples are coming to the same

conclusion. A mini baby boom has erupted in the besieged

capital - a product of slightly better times, impatient couples

and some government encouragement. Last year, Kosevo Hospital counted 1,350 newborn babies; this year, the figure is

expected to be up almost 50 percent, breaking 2,000 for the

The development illustrates a fundamental change in the

way Sarajevans view the war that has enveloped them since

April 1992. Last year, couples avoided pregnancy because many did not want their children born and raised in a war

zone. Abortions skyrocketed, as did the cost of birth control.

Sarajevo's siege has become almost routine for the city's residents. Child-bearing is more common, abortions are less

Now, the war does not appear any closer to resolution, but

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troops to Chechnya two weeks ago.

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stant in the capital during the day.

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witnesses and military officials said.

detained, according to a U.S. military

unrest started when two of the protesting soldiers slapped the army chief of staff, General Mondesir Beaubrun, out-

side the military beadquarters. The gen-

eral then "shot the two soldiers and they

fell on the ground," Mr. Ajenor said.

That account could not immediately be

One witness, Patrick Ajenor, said the

police captain, Randy Durian.

Haiti Soldiers Protest Plan to Reduce Army PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Reuters) — At least three people were injured outside Haitian military head-quarters Monday during a demonstration by Haitian soldiers protesting a plan to scale down the army. One Haitian uniformed soldier and two Haitian civilians were wounded and more than 10 Haitian soldiers were

MOSCOW SIGHT — Grandfather Frost making an appearance Monday on Red Square in advance of Orthodox Christmas on Jan. 7.

"We couldn't wait much longer," said Mrs. Topic, 36. "The clock is ticking for me — and for my country." Moderate Republicans Back Their Speaker For Now at Least, Gingrich Has Their Allegiance in Congress

By Michael Wines
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Representative Sherwood Boehlert, who represents Utica

in upstate New York in the new and deeply conservative House of Representatives, is firmly on the left fringe of the Republican He has sided with Democrats on many

social issues. There have been years when the American Civil Liberties Union and the AFL-CIO have rated his legislative stands more favorably than has the American Conservative Union. But when the House convenes next week, Mr. Boehlert says he will be marching to the conservative tune of Representaing to the course value take of Representa-

House speaker. So will his friends. "I'll be very surprised if you find any dissenting voices among those who wear the label of moderate," he said in an inter-

We may have a difference with the leadership on some of the social agenda, like choice or school prayer. But in many respects, they're peripheral to the general theme: less government, reduced intrusion

into our private lives, less regulation."

Mr. Boehlert and the 30 or 40 middle-ofthe-road Republicans among the 231

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members of the party in the House are a big enough bloc to do in Mr. Gingrich's budding revolution if they choose. The same is true in the Senate, where eight or nine moderate Republicans could easily block the will of the new Republican ma-

But Mr. Gingrich, the same fellow who so adeptly plays the television role of right-wing ideologue, has managed to sweep the moderates deeper into the conservative fold, the House moderates say.

Mr. Gingrich met with moderate leaders even before his first successful race for the

House leadership in 1989. In recent months, for example, he has held almost weekly meetings with Republi-can women, most of them moderates, and has emerged in some of their minds as a more pragmatic and accommodating lead-

er than they first expected.
"One thing about Gingrich: he's amazed me with his willingness to sit down and listen, to take advice, to be open to suggessaid Representative Deborah Pryce, a second-term moderate from Co-lumbus, Ohio. "He understands he's one vote. He's never twisted arms off."

Some of that, they say, has surfaced in his appointments: one moderate, Representative Susan Molinari of New York, has won a midlevel position in the House leadership, and others, including Representative Jim Leach of Iowa and Mr. Boehlert, have gotten important committee posts that could have been denied them. Moderates in both chambers say they

will work behind the scenes, first to push

Republican legislation as much toward the

center as possible, and then to push what-

ever compromise they can achieve into Eventually, that may prove less true in the Senate, a place where legislators march largely to their own drummers and where Mr. Gingrich's haste looks a bit unseemly. And moderates in both chambers agree that wielding the broad brush of their party's agenda is the easy part. "It's when we come down to some of the specifics that we may have some trouble, like the distinction between a moment of silent prayer and a constitutional amendment," said Representative Marge Roukema, a New

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U.S. Acts on Korea

confirmed.

The United States is sending a diplomat to North Korea at Pyongyang's invitation to help speed the release of a U.S. helicopter pilot. Meanwhile, the North charged that the helicopter over-flight was deliberate espionage requir-ing further investigation. (Page 3)

Book Review

Old England's Cathedrals Seek New Financing

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

LONDON - As usual, this season's ambitious schedule of Masses and carol services at St. Paul's Cathedral are free to worshipers. Yet for the tourists who line up for a tour under Sir Christopher Wren's famous dome, the charge is the same as the rest of the year: admission at the door is £3, or about \$4.50.

"People see this grand place and think we think we surely must be rich," said Robert Acworth, registrar and chief administrator for the cathedral, which has dominated London's skyline since the end of the 17th century. But in point of fact, we are not well endowed, and the

costs of upkeep are very high."

The admission fee was first levied in 1991, and tourism, including gift shop sales, now counts for about 60 percent of the cathedral's income.

For officials at St. Paul's, like many of Britain's other great cathedrals, the levying of admission fees is just one of the innovative ways that Church of England leaders are now dealing with one of the more taxing consequences of their own rich inheritance: the soaring cost of sustaining these aging architectural monuments. In many cases, tourists outnumber the rolls of weekly worshipers.

By one count, 19 cathedrals are in financial deficit, jointly sponsored and organized by officials at Britain's and across England, church officials are faced with National Westminster Bank.

Other ideas have not been so well received. In Salisyears to keep up basic restoration work on crumbling brickwork, worn tiles and sagging casements.

In a determined search for new sources of revenue, the stewards of many of England's 42 Anglican cathedrals have embarked on a variety of plans, from doing a better job of marketing their cathedrals' tourist potential to making their own commercial deals with local businesses

and sponsors.

"It's an important but difficult question," said Stephen Jenkins, a spokesman for the Church of England.

"How do you find ways to raise money to maintain these splendid old buildings, while not getting yourself tied into knots with the real mission of the church, which is ministry and mercy?"

Some of the ventures have been very successful. At the Bristol Cathedral, in the west of England, the cost of the cathedral's choral and musical programs is now under-written by an annual grant from Nuclear Electric, the British energy conglomerate, in return for placing the

company's logo and name in choral programs.
In Nottinghamshire, a \$2 million fund-raising campaign to refurbish the Southwell Cathedral is being

bury, a sponsorship arrangement between the cathedral and McDonald's foundered, after critics objected to a plan in which visitors to the cathedral who offered the equivalent of a \$2 donation would receive miniature scrolls detailing its history and a coupon for a free Big

Even more fiercely disputed was a plan in the late 1980s by clergy at the Hereford Cathedral, who suggested selling off its ancient copy of the "Mappa Mundi," a 13th century map of the world. The money was needed to make repairs at the cathedral, but the map was withdrawn from sale after a sharp public outcry, which in turn resulted in the intervention of John Paul Getty.

Mr. Getty, among others, put up several million dollars to build a separate building at the cathedral to house the treasure, but officials in Hereford say the church still does not have the money it needs to make critical repairs, including fixing crumbling masonry in

As a result of the growing financial pressure on

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Rabin **Bolsters** Cabinet

2 Rightists Given Senior Positions

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM - After struggling almost all year without an assured parliamentary majority, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has strengthened his government by giving senior posts to two lawmakers who switched over from the rightist opposition.

The maneuver still leaves Mr. Rabin short of a guaranteed majority, for even with the two newcomers he can count on only 58 votes in the 120-memher Knesset

But as he pursues peace negotiations with the Palestinians and Syria that hardly command overwhelming popular support, he has provided himself with extra insurance against the pos-sibility of his government's being brought down suddenly by a vote of no-confidence.

Such votes, although thus far unsuccessful, have plagued him almost every week since he took office in mid-1992, on everything from his peace policies to the moral fiber of the biblical King David.
With the move Sunday, the

prime minister is also less needy of Shas, a religious party that walked out on him at the start of 1994 and that he has been trying to win back ever since. Shas, whose leader, Aryen Deri, is on trial for embezzling

government funds, has forced Mr. Rabin to jump repeatedly through political hoops. But the party keeps denying him its six parliamentary votes, no matter how many concessions he makes in Israel's eternal religious-secular disputes. Mr. Rabin's goal is clear: to

win Jewish support for his peace program. After he lost Shas, he was forced to muster a majority by turning to five lawmakers from Arab-dominated parties that are not part of his governing coalition. That is still true, notwithstanding the events Sunday.

Some government ministers argue that a majority is a majority no matter how it is formed. with a few adding that it is racist to dismiss Arabs who have Israeli citizenship.

But the prime minister's sense is that domestic realpolitik requires him to have a "Jewish majority" for possible painful territorial compromises with Syria and the Palestinians.

So from his vantage, the addition of the two rightists from the tiny Yiud faction is an important step in the right direction, even though they are unenthusiastic allies at best.

Both men, Gonen Segev and Alex Goldfarb, had been firm opponents of the Rabin peace policies. Most Israeli political commentators say the two are motivated more by personal ambition than ideology since breaking earlier this year from the far-right Tsomet party.

Rabin's Visit to Oman Is First by Israel Official Agence France-Presse

MUSCAT, Oman — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel has begun a visit to this Gulf Arab state for talks with Sultan Qaboos ibn Said, the Oman News Agency said Monday.

The visit is the first by a senior Israeli official. The two nations have no diplomatic ties.

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UN and Bosnia Dispute Success of Cease-Fire

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — United Nations officials said Monday that the latest cease-fire was taking hold, contradicting Bosnian government accusations that Bosnian Serbian forces had mounted attacks in the northwest enclave of Bihac.

Bosnia's Muslim-led government has protested to the United Nations over Serbian troop movements and attacks in the enclave, and threatened to retaliate elsewhere in Bosnia unless the United Nations resolved the problem.

The dispute over the Bihac enclave threatened to

By Howard W. French

New York Times Service

ACCRA, Ghana — When Charles

Wereko Brobby applied to the govern-ment in May for a frequency needed to start his own radio station, the business-

man, an expert in electronic communica-

tions who has dabbled in journalism and

government, seemed to have the profile

So when months passed without any

official response to his petition, Mr.

Brobby, backed by a group of ready

investors, decided to invoke his constitutional right to freedom of expression and

simply go on the air.
From 88.5 to 108 on the FM band

there are more than 1,000 stations in the

U.S.," Mr. Brobby said. "Now I know

that the United States is a very advanced

country, but are they so far ahead of us

that we should have only three stations

here, all of them state-owned?"
Radio Eye, Mr. Brobby's station,

started cautiously in early December

with a diet of popular music that in a few

days won it a listenership of taxi drivers.

housewives and young people.

ple in the past week who

by India's secret service to cre-

claimed to have been recruited

of a broadcaster.

former President Jimmy Carter.

Bosnian government leaders said Sunday that talks on a more extensive truce would not take place until the situation around the town of Velika Kladusa, in the north of the enclave, was settled.

United Nations officials hope the seven-day ceasefire will open the way for a four-month cessation of hostilities and a resumption of peace talks aimed at ending the 33-month-old war.

A UN spokesman, Alexander Ivanko, said in Sarajevo that peacekeepers could not verify allegations Kladusa.

disrupt the cease-fire, reached through mediation by about Bosnian Serbian troop maneuvers in Bihac former President Jimmy Carter.

about Bosnian Serbian troop maneuvers in Bihac made by the Bosnian vice president, Ejup Ganic. Mr. Ivanko said the cease-fire in Bosnia was "taking hold and that orders concerning the cease-fire are

filtering down to the unit level." The Croatian Serbs and their allies among rebel Muslims have not signed the cease-fire agreed to by the Bosnian Serbs and the Sarajevo government.

Government troops have suffered serious setbacks in the past month in fighting in the Bihac enclave, with Serbian forces surrounding Bihac town and Croatian Serbs and rebel Muslims recently capturing Velika

BIRTHS: Boom in Sarajevo Continued from Page 1

frequent, and condoms are no

longer scarce. "It's something we've lived with and gotten used to." said Suad Bogdanovic, 22, a Bosnian government soldier whose wife gave birth to a son last week. Sometimes we get so crazy that we even like it. I never would have gotten married if there was no war. But once that happened, the urge to survive made us have a child."

Almo Kapitanovic, a neonatal doctor at Kosevo, agreed that the survival urge had fueled the increased birthrate.

"These are not decisions made from joy," he said. "These are births that come from a need to stay alive. These are reactions to the siege, to fear. What's an automatic reaction for a couple? Have another child."

"They say every other generation in old Yugoslavia would taste war," he said. "I hope these children don't share that

Other factors have contributed to the baby boom.

For one, international agencies guarantee an expectant mother extra food after her third month of pregnancy. In addition, once she gives birth, her baby is given special food packets for up to a year and sometimes more.

Government rules on giving birth also have been relaxed. During Sarajevo's roughest times, in 1992 and 1993, pregnant women had to supply the energy-strapped hospital with 9 liters (2.5 gallons) of diesel fuel and several liters of water before them. fore they would be treated. With fuel prices running at about \$16 a liter and the average monthly salary around 75 cents, few people could afford the fee. Some births were done by candlelight, and some Caesarean sections were completed without proper painkillers.

In an ill-lit corner of a recovery ward, Lejma Mahmic, 27. was resting after giving birth. She had had two abortions before she and her husband decided to have a child.

"You need to keep going," she said, "to have a normal life. It's a way of fighting back, of teiling the Serbs they won't control us forever."

CHURCH: Soaring Upkeep

Continued from Page 1 England's great cathedrals, church officials did succeed in

1990 in convincing English Heritage, a government-supported agency, to make available a limited number of grants of public money to help restore some of the buildings.

In addition, the Archbishop of Canterbury convened in 1992 a special church commission on England's cathedrals. which last summer issued a 262page report titled "Heritage & Renewal."

Among its myriad charts counting tourism revenues and visits, it wrestled somewhat inconclusively with the contradictory demands on the great buildings, alternately regarded both as temporal definitions of English heritage, and spiritual temples whose majesty was described as "an expression of what might otherwise remain inarticulate, a perception of the holy, an anticipation of eterni-

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Centrist Now Backs Berlusconi Party ROME (Reuters) — One of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's most vocal opponents said Monday that the Forza Italia party could lead a new government to pass institutional reforms and

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guide Italy toward new elections. Rocco Buttiglione, head of the centrist Popular Party, which co-sponsored a vote of no-confidence against Mr. Berlusconi's coalition this month, said the conservative Forza Italia had the right to

request to head a new government. We are moving toward the formation of a new government that will certainly not last four years, but it will surely last for more than four days," Mr. Buttiglione told reporters. "If Forza Italia agrees that this new government should tackle Italy's most urgent problems, they not only have the right to take part in it, they also have the right to ask to lead it. They are the party with the relative majority.

Attack on Synagogue Fails in Lyon LYON (AFP) — Cylinders of gas were used in an unsuccessful

bomb attack on a synagogue here late on Christmas Day, the municipal administration said.

About half an hour before midnight on Christmas Day, unidentified attackers used gasoline to set fire to a stolen car containing four cylinders of propane gas outside the synagogue, one of 24 in

the city.

Neighbors called the fire department, which extinguished the flames before the cylinders exploded. "If they had exploded they would have caused very extensive damage," a spokesman said.

Japan Slates Upper House Elections

TOKYO (Reuters) — Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's unwieldy coalition has scheduled elections for the upper house of Parliament on July 23 next year in what could be the first major

test of his left-right alliance.

Coalition party officials said Monday that the three partners in the governing alliance informally decided the date for the nationwide polls after agreeing to reconvene Parliament on Jan. 20 for a

The Social Democratic Party is in an awkward alliance with their one-time foes in the Liberal Democratic Party and with the small Japan New Party Sakigake. Mr. Murayama came to power in June after his Socialists crossed over from an anti-Liberal Democratic Party coalition. He has repeatedly said he would not call general elections for the more powerful legence on Democratic Party coalition. 150-day regular session. call general elections for the more powerful lower house, or Diet, until after the upper house elections.

Israel Curbs PLO in East Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Israeli Parliament on Monday adopted by a large majority a law aimed at preventing official Palestine Liberation Organization activities in Jerusalem. The bill, presented by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government, was endorsed at the third and final reading, 56 to 6. Thirty-

two deputies abstained. The law prevents the PLO from having a mission in Arab East Jerusalem, which was annexed by Israel in 1967, or from organizing public meetings there without prior permission.

Macedonia Deports 18 Albanians

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Macedonian police have deported 18 ethnic Albanians to the southern Serbian province of Kosovo, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Monday.

Tanjug said the 18 were deported for their alleged support of an Albanian-language university. But Interior Ministry officials in Macdonia said they were expelled because they did not have proper residency permits.

About 1,000 other people of various nationalities were to be deported for the same reason, an Interior Ministry official said.

Chinese Leader Starts Visit to Burma

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - Prime Minister Li Peng arrived Monday for a three-day visit to Burma, underlining the close relations between China and its military-led southern neighbor.

China is the most important international friend of Burma, which is ostracized by many Western nations because of the junta's disregard for human rights and failure to restore democra-

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Mr. Li, his wife and a 79-member entourage were welcomed at the Rangoon airport by the junta chairman, Senior General Than Shwe, in his capacity as prime minister. The Chinese prime minister is only the fourth foreign head of government to visit Burma since the junta seized power in 1988.

Coalition to Govern Basque Region

VITORIA, Spain (AP) - Spain's Basque region, beset by separatist violence and controversy over the limits of home rule, got a new coalition government Monday committed to bringing radicals into the fold of peaceful politics.

The three-party coalition's program calls for ending the conflict through "a solution based on dialogue among political forces," an ambiguity widely seen as implying contacts with Herri Batasuna. the political wing of the Basque separatist organization ETA.

The coalition will be headed by the moderate Basque National-

ist Party, known by its Spanish initials PNV. The junior partners will be the Socialist Party, which heads the central government in Madrid, and the Basque Union, a splinter party of the PNV. The PNV won 22 of the 75 seats in the regional parliament in October. The Socialists won 12 seats and Basque Union got eight.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Manila Calls U.S. Warning 'Unfair'

MANILA (AP) - Philippine officials contended Monday that U.S. travel advisory had unfairly depicted the country as a dangerous place for foreigners. Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo said Manila wanted "even-

handedness and fair play" from the Americans in discussing crime and security. A U.S. consular information sheet released Sept. 19 said that in the Philippines, "homicides, kidnapping, other crimes. of violence, confidence games, pickpocketing and credit card fraud are common." Foreign tourists are often victims of petty

"Personally, it doesn't sit well with our government," said the presidential press secretary, Jesús Sison. "The U.S. was unfair in issuing the statement because there are also crimes in the big cities in the U.S. The only difference is, while we focus attention on the crimes, the Americans do not unless it's a very sensational case like O. J. Simpson."

Belgian police closed some main roads in Brussels on Monday and several expressways in southern Belgium were almost impassable after heavy rainfalls froze overnight. Domestic and interns tional train services were delayed but Brussels international airport was operating normally.

Fifteen people were killed and 434 were injured, 73 critically, in 728 accidents on Portuguese highways over the Christmas weekend, the police reported Monday.

YELTSIN: Kremlin Leader Signals Readiness for Talks With Chechens Reuters reported from Mos- houses of Parliament would region of about 1 million peo-

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die," said Deputy Defense Minister Boris V. Gromov, who commanded the Soviet retreat from Afghanistan. General Gromov has been critical of the incursion into Chechnya, but never so openly.

Russian television reported that Mr. Yeltsin had prepared a decree firing General Gromov and two other deputy defense ministers, General Georgi Kondratyev and General Sergei The president's office had no

comment on the firings, and it could not be independently confirmed that they had been carried out.

staff cut to 20 from 64, saying

most of the staff were intelli-

India and Pakistan routinely

have fought three wars since

gence agents.

ate trouble in Karachi. He said trade accusations, and recipro-one had confessed to a shooting cal expulsions of diplomats are

last year in which 15 people common. The two countries

Several months ago, Pakistan they gained independence from ordered the Karachi consulate's Britain in 1947.

Bosnian Serbian soldiers during a reconnaissance patrol Monday near the southern town of Teslic.

Radio Freedom in Ghana: Not Just Yet

neur with illegal broadcasting.

Then came the government's reply.

Armed soldiers seized the transmitter

and closed the station down, and prose-

cutors charged the 41-year-old entrepre-

Ghana has been in the forefront of

reform efforts sweeping Africa, aimed at

opening up economies crippled by years of state ownership and regulation. Here

as elsewhere, these moves have been ac-

companied by a political loosening that

has seen the formation of opposition

parties and the holding of contested elec-

But as the experience of Radio Eye

shows, few African governments have

been willing to cede much control of

"These people have seen what free

electronic media can do in other coun-

tries, and they are scared to death," said

Audrey Gadzekpo, a Ghanaian maga-

of Mr. Brobby range from narrow legal-

isms to statements of concern over the

need to guard against the perils of tribal-

PAKISTAN: Saying India Backs Terror, Islamabad Orders Mission Shut

Official explanations for the treatment

zine editor and columnist.

broadcasting.

The Russian press agency Itar-Tass said Monday that Mr. Yeltsin would issue a decree in the next day or two to set up an interim commission for the observance of human rights that would join negotiations with the Chechens.

And the Interfax news agency quoted Vladimir Shumeiko, head of the upper house of Par-liament and a National Security Council member, as saying three officials had been ap-pointed to lead talks with Chechnya in Mr. Yeltsin's

Representatives of both

charges of spying India ex-pelled a Pakistani diplomat on

"These expulsions are not go-

similar charges last week.

It was not clear how the Cheto renew talks that broke down signaled a softening of Chech-

Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev. a Chechen vice president, said Chechnya was ready to negoti-Russian troops were in the re-

also take part, Mr. Shumeiko ple, declared its independence in 1991.

Much of the violence in Ka-

rachi involves members of the

militant Muhajir National

Movement, which represents

ism, religious conflict and, some say,

to freedom of expression," said Kojo Yankah, deputy minister of information.

"But for our purposes, at this moment,

radio and television should serve as the

forum for a discussion of our develop-

ment needs. I am afraid that our society

is not as stable as some others, and we

could have disorder as a result of the

In addition to being a businessman and journalistic gadfly. Mr. Brobby is a

leading member of the National People's

Party, one of the country's main opposi-

tion groups. This blending of roles has

caused many, even among journalists

who support the idea of free use of the

But even as it pursued its hard line

toward Mr. Brobby, the government, perhaps embarrassed by negative reac-

tion, announced that it would begin

opening the airwaves to private broad-

casters early in the new year.

Earlier Monday, Pakistan ex- Sarathi, a spokesman at the In-

pelled an Indian Embassy em- dian High Commission in Is-

ing to accomplish anything, and they are certainly not going to improve relations," said Partha (AP. Reuters)

ployee, Deepak Thakur, on lamabad.

boyant approach as self-promotion.

misuse of this resource."

"This government is fully committed

Military leaders have said the chen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev. Russian troops' initial tasks would respond. Previous efforts were to seal off Grozny and disarm Chechen fighters. Mr. Dec. 14 have failed, but one Yeltsin made it clear the Krem-Chechen official on Monday lin then planned to install its own representatives, at least temporarily, if Mr. Dudayev is

Before his meeting with the National Security Council, Mr. ate with Moscow even while Yeltsin said, "We are going to look at when we can wind up gion, a departure from its previ-the participation of the military and go on to the second stage forming administrative organs Chechnya, a mainly Muslim in the Chechen republic.

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By Stephen C. Fehr

plane and hav tr Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — A recent plane crash at the White House and a rash of shootings there have led some aviation analysts to urge federal officials to close National Airport as a security Car Falls in Lyn precaution against an air attack on the mansion.

Shutting down the 53-year-old airport, which is three miles south of the White House, has been suggested by groups who said they believed that National was too noisy or unsafe.

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time House Election

Federal officials have dismissed such ideas and are not

self in office.

No Nostalgia for the Governor

streams through the windows onto the half-

empty boxes of awards and mementos that

Governor Lowell P. Weicker Jr. has begun

His heavy wooden desk sits ready to be

cleared and carted off, along with his bound

Watergate Committee volumes and lamps

made from 105-millimeter shell casings - all

possessions with which he surrounded him-

sticky sentimentality just now. But Mr.

Weicker has never been most people, and in

these closing days of his administration, he

shows no signs of looking back with even the

Even posing the question of whether, at 63, he feels nostalgic about his three decades in

public life is to invite a typical Weicker jere-

miad. Not only does he feel no nostalgia in

himself, he thinks no one else should, either.

"I hate nostalgia with a passion," he said.

"This country is surfeited with it right now —

that's one of our problems - God almighty,

we just sit there and wallow in the good old

days, which, quite frankly, weren't necessar-

second term, spent 18 years in the U.S. Senate as a Republican who liked to fight with

Republicans (especially those in the Nixon

administration during the Watergate era) and

four tumultuous years as Connecticut's first

independent third-party governor in a century, battling both parties for his own agenda.

several careers to come. Without actually

saving that he will run for president as a

third-party independent in 1996, or that he even wants to, he has kept the door wide

(Kirk Johnson, NYT)

Mr. Weicker, who chose not to run for a

ily so good for too many people."

remotest trace of gauzy haze.

It's a societal flaw.

open for a draft.

By Michael Weisskopf

WASHINGTON - Many

corporate donors who mis-

judged last month's election

prospects and put money on

Democratic incumbents have

found a way to show apprecia-

tion for victorious Republicans

- paying off their campaign

In political vernacular, it is called "catching the late train."

Pfizer Inc., Blue Cross and Blue

here recently for Fred D.

Thompson, a Republican Sen-

ate winner from Tennessee,

even though some of their exec-

Three health care interests --

debis.

American Hospital Association

— were hosts to a house

Most people would be forgiven a little

HARTFORD, Connecticut - Winter sun

likely to close any time soon. the new concern about the security of the White House, Pentagon, Capitol and other buildings is nonetheless getting more erations to Dulles and Baltiattention. A plane approaching or taking off from National could attack those buildings by veering into the restricted area

over Washington.
It wouldn't take long for an airplane taking off from National to be up over the White House, Capitol or Pentagon and then — bam — it's all

ously.

Although National is not national Airline Passengers Association.

He has urged the Federal Aviation Administration to close National and shift its opmore-Washington international airports and Andrews Air Force Base in Prince George's Coun-

An agency spokesman said officials would not comment on Mr. Stempler's proposal or anything else related to the possible closing of National. James A. Wilding, general manager of

1988 and is about to become leader of the

most discredited group of politicians in town

from St. Louis, Missouri, who was elected by his colleagues to be the House minority lead-

He is Richard A. Gephardt, a congressman

While no prominent Democrat is publicly

making the case for Mr. Gephardt, he is the

subject of a behind-the-scenes chatter on

Capitol Hill among Democrats who fear that

President Bill Clinton's popularity will not

rebound and believe that Mr. Gephardt

would be a logical alternative should the president decide not to seek re-election —

whether by his own choice or because he is

This is the thinking of the Gephardt parti-

sans: Having run for president, Mr. Gephardt is far better known and will get more

attention than Thomas A. Daschle of South

Dakota, who will be the Senate minority

Moreover, they say, Mr. Gephardt will

become only more visible as the foil to the

new House speaker, Representative Newt

And Mr. Gephardt has long been popular

While some Democrats suggest that Vice

among working-class Democrats, a constitu-ency that Mr. Clinton seems to have lost.

President Al Gore would be the likely alter-

native should the president falter, others, like Representative Thomas J. Manton, Demo-

"I don't know if some of the animosity

(Richard L. Berke, NYT)

toward Clinton has rubbed off on him," Mr.

Gingrich, Republican of Georgia.

crat of New York, are not so sure.

these days: House Democrats.

er in the next Congress.

forced into early retirement.

leader next month.

taking the latest proposal seri-ously.

Although National is not national Airline Passengers AsNational and Dulles, aid the proximity of National did not make much difference. A pilot determined to attack the White House could do so from almost anywhere, he said.

In September, Frank Corder, 38, of Aberdeen, Maryland, stole a single-engine Cessna from an airfield north of Baltimore. Under the influence of alcohol and cocaine, he flew south to Washington and slammed into the South Lawn of the White House before the plane slid into the west side of the mansion below the president's living quarters. Mr. Corder, an unemployed truck driver, was killed.

The crash, and subsequent incidents involving shootings just outside the White House, prompted a security review by the Secret Service that is scheduled to be completed next month.

James J. Hoogerwerf, a Delta Air Lines pilot who flies in and out of National, said the September suicide crash pointed up the inadequacy of security measures at the White House.

"Despite a major reconstruction program in progress," he said, "any realistic security plan will have to take National's viability under advisement. Will national security concerns finally be its death knell?"

National, the 22d busiest U.S. airport, with 45,000 passengers a day, is undergoing a \$1 billion renovation, the centerpiece of which is a new terminal designed to last well into the next century. The idea of closing the airport strikes some officials as far-fetched.

Leo G. Janssens, president of the Ohio-based Aviation Safety Institute and a pilot who has flown Boeing 727s into National, noted that with the airport so close to the Mall, a terrorist or assassin could take off or approach National in legal airspace and within seconds veer away to attack.

"As long as National is there, there's no way you can keep a saboteur hellbent on an attack out of the White House area,"

Flights are banned over the White House; the restricted area extends between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol. Planes landing at National usually fly along the Potomac River at the edge of the restricted

Pilots are supposed to contact air traffic controllers and follow their instructions.



NOT SO MERRY — Prime Minister Smarck Michel of Haiti handing out snacks through the fence to hundreds of youths who were left out of a Christmas party on the palace grounds. A melee broke out inside the grounds when some 1,500 youngsters, who were kept waiting for several hours, grew restless and demanded their share of the gifts.

U.S. Hopes Envoy Will Win Pilot's Release

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is sending a diplomat to North Korea at Pyongyang's invitation to help speed up the release of a captured U.S. Army helicopter pilot, the State Department said Monday.

[In another development Monday, North Korea branded the helicopter overflight as deliberate espionage requiring further investigation under military law, the Korean Central News Agency said, according to a Reuters report.

[Monitored in London, the report said that Pyongyang had demanded that Wash-

ington "admit its responsibility as the of-fender" and show a reasonable attitude "before it is is too late."

The dispatch said an official investigation had shown that this was clearly not an "accidental case" caused by a "mistake" in a training flight, but a deliberate act of espionage. "Detaining and investigating criminals is a matter related to our digni-

fied sovereignty," it said.]
The new U.S. envoy is Thomas Hubbard, deputy assistant secretary of state for

State Department spokesman, Michael

East Asia and the Pacific. The Hubbard mission, according to the

McCurry, is to facilitate the return of Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall.

The other crew member on the craft, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon, was killed in the crash, according to North Korea. Pyongyang released Mr. Hilemon's body on Thursday.

Earlier Monday, a U.S. general met with a general from the North Korean People's Army at the truce village of Panmunjon. The U.S. military said that "no substantive progress was made and the Korean People's Army would not set a date for Hall's

(Reuters, WP)

quietly talking up the presidential prospects and frustration left, and it looks like they're of a man who lost his party's nomination in intent on venting it." (NYT) of a man who lost his party's nomination in intent on venting it."

WASHINGTON - In the latest manifes-

Whispers: Gephardt in '96?

Manton said of Mr. Gore. But Mr. Manton, like most of Mr. Gephardt's allies, said he And he apparently has enough bile left for fully expected Mr. Clinton to get his party's nomination in 1996.

Quote/Unquote

Big Donors Catch Republican Train

Sherry Bebitch-Jeffe, a political scientist at Claremont College who specializes in California elections, on the voting that has left the State Assembly tied in partisan knots: "It's the election that won't die. A lot of tation of unease among Democrats, some are voters and politicians still have some anger

Job Insecurity: A Fact of Academic Life

By Boyce Rensberger land's scientific career is in

Until a few months ago, the Baylor College of Medicine researcher was leading a team of

Washington Past Service cian studying how hormones money in the form of grants.

HOUSTON — Joy Mulhol-regulate cells in the uterus.

Of Baylor's 60 faculty mem-

tives improved treatment for to uterine cancer. And, as the result of a surprise finding earlier this year, it looked as if the lab was on the trail of a new insight into Alzheimer's dis-

But Ms. Mulholland has disbanded her team and is shutting down her lab. Her grant money ran out last summer and even though she wrote lots of proposals that got high marks from such funding agencies as the National Institutes of Health, they brought in no money. Each time, there were too many other proposals that received slightly more favorable evaluations and got all the available funds.

"I had to tell my people they should look for other jobs," the Harvard-trained molecular biologist said. "I won't have the money to pay myself, either. I'll be out the door, too."

All Baylor scientists, like those from most other academic research centers, must raise part or all of their salaries and fringe benefits through grants. And those grants must also provide the salaries and benefits of the scientists who work for them.

At Baylor and many other top-ranked private universities from Harvard to Stanford, most or all researchers are on this

When hard times come, the university may --- or may not -pick up a scientist's salary for a few months or maybe a year. Researchers who have not won a new grant in that time are expected to leave. State institutions are more likely to guarantee salaries but, because all universities count on taking a cut --- sometimes more than 50 percent - of every grant for "over-

three other Ph.D.s and a techni- under fierce pressure to bring in most likely at a much-reduced

The research was relevant to bers in the Department of Cell scientist with a new Ph.D. could developing better contracep- Biology, one of the main fields expect to go straight into a job infertility and new approaches most everyone has lost at least one grant and many have had to let people go, Ms. Mulholland

"It's a rough system," said William Brinkley, a prominent cell biologist and dean of Baylor's graduate school, "but that's the way science works in this country. My frustration is listening to these horror stories

The United States, the world leader in medical advances, new technologies and deeper understanding of the natural world, depends for much of its scientific excellence on freelancers.

and trying to keep morale up, trying to keep people from jumping ship.' The nation that is the unchal-

lenged world leader in providing medical advances, new technologies and deeper understanding of the natural world depends for much of its scientific excellence on freelancers

with no job security.

They may carry the title of professor and have a camous parking sticker, but when the grant well runs dry, they are on their own. Only the few who head," their scientists are still tion — can expect to stay on, have grants.

salary. A generation or two ago, a

competition for better faculty positions grew, new scientists sought to broaden their training and experience by taking postdoctoral fellowships for a year or two. Then they would get the real job. But as the number of new

scientists kept rising, the competition kept getting stiffer. Postdoctoral fellowships, which pay about \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year, grew longer and if no job materialized after the first fellowship, the only choice was to take a second one. And, for a growing number, a third one. Today it is not unusual to find young scientists" pushing 40 and barely making the median salary for all American workers. which was \$23,000 a year in 1992, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And they are still without a permanent

Openings for faculty positions at major institutions commonly draw 300 to 400 applications. Of these, many department chairmen say, maybe 100 are outstanding candidates.

Another sign of the plight of young scientists emerged from a study in which the National Academy of Sciences found that the number of researchers under age 37 who were applying for grants had dropped by

about half since 1985. The study did not reveal what had happened to the young scientists but many in the scientific community believe that they are not applying because they have not found the permanent jobs that give them standing to apply. Instead, they remain in low-paying, temporary post-doctoral positions, working for have "tenure" - a status that a steadily graying population of guarantees them a faculty posi- more senior scientists who do

utives had helped fund the cam-Democrats. Before the election, paign of his Democratic rival, he directed his state officials to prepare to help retire debts of Representative James Cooper. Twenty lobbyists representing groups from orthopedists to earlier. winners the group had shunned

tial PAC.

Continued from Page 1 Jersey Republican. The depart-

ing House speaker, Thomas S. Foley, a Washington Democrat, suggested Sunday that both Republican cuphoria and unity would vanish soon enough once the party has to govern, and translate a conservative agenda into policies the public will approve. Still, moderate Republicans

appear to believe that their conservative brethren are legislators who, by and large, they can work with.

"On some key issues, there'll be moderate Republicans joining with Democrats; those sev-

Kim Widens Changes In Seoul Government

The Associated Press SEOUL - President Kim Young Sam on Monday replaced 12 of his 20 deputy cabinet ministers, three days after he named a new foreign minister and other key cabinet members in the most extensive reorganization since he took office

All 12 posts were filled with technocrats, who in many cases technocraus, who makes publican who will replaced political appointees. Finance Committee.

MODERATES: With the Speaker en or eight in the Senate will hold the balance of power on a lot of issues," said Senator William S. Cohen, one of the two

horses, you try to make a contri-

bution as a token of goodwill,"

National Association, who had

anticipated the rout of the

ber was a moderate Republican in the House, is the other. But even in the Senate, Mr. Cohen said, "Republicans will try to see where they are among themselves before they start

moderates from Maine. Olym-

pia J. Snowe, who until Novem-

reaching across the aisle. It is a stark contrast to the dying Democratic majority, whose left and right wings were so alienated on even the most basic issues, like federal spending and crime, that they often seemed attached to different

political birds. Only Democrats can explain their disintegration. The incentives for Republican moderates to stick with the party line, on the other hand, are clear and

One, as Mr. Boehlert points out, is ideology. Moderates and conservatives may differ on social issues, but they are united on the driving issue in Republican philosophy: money.

Most of us who have always called ourselves moderates have hardly ever called ourselves fiscal liberals," said Senator Robert Packwood, the Oregon Republican who will head the

medical product distributors paid \$1,000 each to attend. "We don't really look at it as an eraser on the pencil, but as a The political action commitway of letting the winner know we'd like to be the same friend tee (PAC) for Prudential Insurto him as we were to the guy he defeated," Mr. McKechnie ance Co. of America declined to finance Representative Rick

Santorum, Republican of Penn-If spoils belong to the victors, campaign debts usually fall to svivania, as a Senate candidate because the father of his rival, the victors' most devoted sup-Senator Harris Wofford, was a porters. But the Republican company agent. As senator-elect, Mr. Santorum had no romp is crashing convention ev-

trouble landing \$1,000 in post-With so many corporate election funds from the Pruden-PACs betting Democratic in the year of the Republican Party, and so many successful chal-"When you back the wrong lengers left with big bills, the Republicans are banking on the said John McKechnie, political director of the Credit Union self-interest of those groups to help clear their ledgers.

Never far from the surface, the hint of political reward for contributions was made more explicit in the campaign when Representative Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, the House speaker-to-be, reportedly warned PAC representatives in October that if he took power, donors who were "not on board" would suffer "the two coldest years in Washington." Later publication of the "PAC List of Shame," naming firms, lobbyists and trade groups whose PACs gave overwhelmingly to Democrats in 1992, sharpened the threat. A

Republican fund-raiser, Brad

O'Leary, compiled the list in a

newsletter and sent it to PACs

LONDON - John Osborne,

65, the "angry young man" who transformed British theater

with his blistering social dra-

mas, died of heart failure on

Saturday, hospital officials said

The playwright, who shot to fame in 1956 with "Look Back

in Anger," a blast against the stuffy conventions of English

postwar life, died in a hospital

near his home in Shropshire, a

known for his hard drinking,

had been seriously ill for more

Mr. Osborne, a diabetic

With "Look Back in Anger,"

Mr. Osborne introduced the stirred anger nationwide. A suc-

genre of the "kitchen-sink dra- cessful career followed, in

spokeswoman said.

than a week, she said.

Monday.

and Republican lawmakers.

In the newsletter, Mr. Ging-rich was praised for "laying down the law with certain PAC executives who have been consorting with the enemy."

Now they are fair game for Republicans. Dan Morgan, a fund-raising consultant trying to retire the debt of eight new Republican House members, has scanned campaign finance reports of his candidates' rivals, he said, looking for PACs that might "want to get in good or at least establish a relationship" with the Republican winners.

"A lot of PACs are saying, "Whoops, we made a mistake," and they're trying to redeem themselves," he said.

Most of the solicitations across party lines gloss over past differences and point to future cooperation. The National Association of Retail Druggists PAC, for example, had given 88 percent of its \$122,000 to Democrats as of June. But since the election, it has received requests to help defray debts of 15 Republicans, including four Senate winners.

"The pitch is, 'Hey, you were on the wrong side of our race, here's your chance to get right," said John M. Rector, who lobbies and disburses election funds for the pharmacists' group. "Or, "If you didn't perticipate in the campaign, here's your opportunity to get on one you should be on."

vered his father. Thomas, a

struggling commercial artist, but disliked his mother, Nellie

which Mr. Osborne scrib-

pad in just 17 days, shocked London theater audiences and

Away From Politics

 A mild earthquake shook parts of Colorado on Christmas Day, hours after a quake struck the high desert near Death Valley, California. No injuries or major damage was reported in the quakes. (NYI)

• Lolando Bello, an unarmed man who tried to climb the north fence of the White House on Christmas Day, has been charged with unlawful entry and making threats to arresting officers, a Secret Service spokesman (Reuters)

• Amtrak began its routine run from the San Francisco Bay area to Chicago about five hours late after three cars on an empty train derailed near Emeryville, an Amtrak spokesman said. No one was injured. (AP)

 The archdiocese of Milwankee is suing 14 insurance companies that have refused to make payments in nine cases alleging sexual misconduct by priests. The insurance companies counter that the church hierarchy knew of the sexual misconduct and failed to take appropriate action. That means the misconduct was intentional on the part of the diocese and not in-

sured, they argue. (AP) John Osborne, Whose Dramas Shocked London Theater, Dies

everyday settings. Its hero, Jim-ma. my Porter, became a symbol of _ M Mr. Osborne also wrote "The educated, rebellious youth in Entertainer," "Inadmissible Evidence," and "A Patriot for John James Osborne was Me." He won an Oscar for best born on Dec. 12, 1929. He rescreenplay with the 1964 film Tom Jones."

Richard Burton starred as Jimmy Porter in the film version of "Look Back in Anger", The family was poor and moved frequently. The young and Laurence Olivier took the role of Archie Rice in "The En-Osborne left to become an actor tertamer." "Dejavu," a 1992 sequel to "Anger," flopped. Mr. Osborne's private life and began writing plays at 19. In 1956, "Look Back in An-

ger," which Mr. Osborne scrib-bled down in a reporter's note-his drama. Married five times, was almost as controversial as he gained a reputation as a hard-drinking, trascible charac-

"Who wants to live to 110 then a revolutionary style which he used his anger as the anyway if it means not smoking

recent interview.

Mr. Osborne also regularly criticized British society as a journalist and in letters to newspapers. "Damn you, England," he wrote in the leftist weekly Tribune. "You're rotting now, and quite soon you'll disappear ... untonchable, unteachable, impregnable."

Pierre Dreyfus, Who Led Renault for 20 Years, at 87

PARIS (Reuters) — Pierre Dreyfus, 87, head of the French car group Renault from 1955 to 1975 and a pioneer of better working conditions in postwar France, died Sunday, the com-

pany said.

of playwriting that employed inspiration for hard-hitting dra- and not drinking?" he said in a launchings of some of Europe's tem, state television said on best-selling cars, including the Monday. distinctive Renault 4, 5 and 16

> Renault was the first French company to offer three weeks of paid vacation, in 1955, and then four weeks in 1962.

Rossano Brazzi, 78, a Star Of Films in 1950s and 1960s

ROME (Reuters) - Rossano

His Latin-lover looks won him starring roles in "Three Coins in the Fountain" (1954) and "The Barefoot Contessa" (1954) - both of which were made in Hollywood and set in industry minister in Pierre Mauroy's Socialist government of 1981-84. (1945), "Little Women" (1949) and "South Pacific" (1958),

Sylva Koscina, 61, a -Yugoslav-born actress who started in Italian and Hollywood films in the 1960s, died of heart prob-Brazzi, 78, a leading star of the lems Monday in Rome, a Brazzi, /o, a reading star of the spokesman from a private clinic tinental lovers and aristocrats said. Her best-known films inon Hollywood screens, died in a clude Federico Fellim's "Juliet on Hollywood screens, then in a clinic here Saturday from a vi- of the Spirits" (1965) and "A Mr. Dreyfus oversaw the rus afflicting his nervous sys- Lovely Way to Die" (1968).

To Add Jobs in Europe

The way things look, 1995 will be a year of economic distillusionment for Europe. If that sounds surprising, consider the painful explanation. The coming year promises to be one of splendid economic growth in most of Western and Central Europe. Yet this growth will turn out to do very little for Europe's chief economic problem, which is its dangerously long lines of jobless; and behind this failure lurks Enrope's reluctance to get to grips with the causes of the joblessness problem.

That boom is back is now beyond much doubt. The economies of Continental Europe, following the earlier British recovery, have done better in 1994 than the forecasters had expected, and will almost certainly do even better in 1995 and 1996. Germany and France, in particular, have bounced back from stagnation or worse to predicted growth rates of 3 percent or better in the next couple of years.

Grand news, if you are in work and can ride on the boom. The trouble is that this boom will probably not do what booms were once supposed to do -- bring the jobless back into jobs. Today's unemployment in Europe, unlike unemployment in America and Japan, is to a large extent not cyclical, going up and down with the health of the economy in general. It is "structural," the jargon word which means that it is apparently here to stay.

At the moment, 11.6 percent of Western Europe's workers have no work to do. double America's proportion and nearly four times Japan's. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reckons that by the end of 1996, even with the full benefit of the emerging boom. Europe's figure will have barely fallen, to about 11 percent. By the century's end, the OECD thinks, it will still be knocking at the 10 percent mark. It cannot fall much below that, runs the dismaying argument, without setting off another attack of inflation.

The causes of this are pretty clear. Yet Europe is still failing to tackle them.

One is the fact that Europe's governments absorb too much of what their countries produce. This year, the revenues of the European Union's governments will amount to 46 percent of their countries' GDP. The figure in America is 32 percent. Some of the purposes for which this money is spent are commendable, it pays, among other things, for the comforts of Europe's welfare state. But one thing government money is not good at is creating jobs. If those governments eased their grip, the lines of workless would probably shorten.

The other cause of excessive joblessness is the arthritic condition of Continental Europe's labor markets. (Britain - here, too, more American than European - is far less rigid.) In much of Western Europe, the law protects people in jobs by limiting the number of hours they must work, requiring them to be paid a generous minimum wage and making it hard to fire them. The motive is humane and the results are reassuring — for those in jobs. But the other effect (apart from making Europe's products costlier than those of most of Europe's competitors) is to shut

the door on the unemployed. If minimum wages and working hours were made more flexible, and if the labor market were suppler, many of the jobless could be brought back inside the working economy. Some of those already in jobs,

it is true, would find things tougher. These are harsh calculations, but the cost of ignoring them could be harsher. It could be the creation of a European underclass. A disproportionate number of the long-term unemployed are young people, quick to anger and strong of arm. The luckier nine-tenths of Europe ought not wait until the buried tenth breaks out of the depths.

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Warlords in Liberia

Five years ago, the Liberian guerrilla leader Charles Taylor unleashed a civil war that was to end up ripping his country to shreds. Since Mr. Taylor and his rebel force launched their invasion from neighboring Ivory Coast, some 150,000 Liberians, mostly civilians, have lost their lives. Another million have been displaced from their homes. Hundreds of thousands more have been forced to flee to other countries. Last week, on the eve of another Christmas, Charles Taylor and representatives of the other warring factions announced a cease-fire agreement to start on Dec. 28. Liberians, for understandable reasons, were not impressed with this Christmas gift. Almost a dozen

previous peace accords have failed. The latest round of talks, which took place in Ghana, has all the markings of have temporarily ceased taking shots at each other long enough to issue solemn pledges to resolve their prolonged con-flict through an agreement calling for peace, safe areas, demobilization, disarmament and democratic elections. People of that blood-soaked nation have heard it all many times before, only to end up cowering under the gunfire that always eventually follows. Their skepticism that there will be no end to the killing this time around is well founded.

For reasons having little to do with the integrity or honor of Charles Taylor and his crowd, however, there is a small glimmer of hope that the warlords may have to make it work this time.

Liberia has used up its credit with the rest of the world. West African leaders have seen years of peacekeeping efforts go down the drain. Many of them are cash-strapped themselves, and regional forces intervened in the Liberian civil war to an extent that took them well beyond their own political and financial limits. African leaders have had it with Liberia's broken promises. So has the United Nations, which has run out of the only asset it brings to the table - patience. America, once Liberia's Cold War banker, has the spigot turned down to a trickle, in part because of competing claims on the it doesn't want to pump money into an accord that is not worth the paper it is written on. And that was the U.S. inclina-

tion before the November elections. With an inward-looking U.S. Congress taking office next month, Liberian warlords, having reduced their country to the state of nature, can expect little more than grief from America. This time, the deal-breakers may have little choice but to take on the mantle of peacemakers.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Free Speech in the Malls

New Jersey's Supreme Court has ruled that a large commercial shopping mall is the modern counterpart of the village green. It is a place where people can congregate and communicate, the court suggested last week, and therefore the mall's operators must honor some right of free speech on their nominally private property. The ruling, based on the state constitution, is correct.

Though denounced as "social engineering" by a losing lawyer, the decision merely recognizes modern reality. Like a company town where the company sets the rules, commercial enclaves are in effect small governments; they must allow reasonable communicative acts by customers and visitors, while retaining the right to set fair terms that govern when and where the right of speech may be exercised.

The court said that people trying to pass out leaflets against the Gulf War three years ago were entitled to some access to the mall's open spaces. But it also left room for regulations to protect store owners from conduct that could drive away customers. In so ruling, the court made it clear that the malls were not fair game for, say, big parades or loud demonstrations. Chief Justice Robert Wilentz and his court have often been tagged as judicial activists - legal adventurers who believe that the courts have as much license to attack social ills as the political process. But here, far from legislating from the bench, the court made a commonplace observation about the way people shop, hang out and use suburban and urban spaces.

What it said is not new or startling. The U.S. Supreme Court has wrestled with the question for a quarter-century. It ultimately found that no federal constitutional right was involved, but it specifically noted that state courts, interpreting their own constitutions, might well rule differently. Courts in California, Oregon, Massachusetts, Colorado and Washington have construed their state constitutions as guaranteeing some free speech rights in shopping centers. New York's highest court, disappointingly, rejected that approach in a 1985 case, saying mall owners had invited the public only for a limited commercial purpose and need not indulge noncommercial activity.

But as the New Jersey court more clearly perceives, the mall owners hope to lure paying customers by inviting people to mill about and enjoy themselves. Or even to do nothing at all.

These cases are not about socializing private, commercial property. Rather they involve the reaffirmation of the right of peaceful, orderly free expression. New Jersey's highest court has done its job well. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.



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End of the Parties as You've Known Them

By William Pfaff.

PARIS - Nineteen ninety-four saw the end of the American political parties as we have known them since the 1930s, and in the case of the Democratic Party since the election of 1800, when an alliance of Southern agrarians and North-em city-dwellers made Thomas

Jefferson president. That coalition of interests survived to elect John Kennedy in

1960, but it is now dead. The uneasy alliance in the Republican Party between Eastern internationalist banking and trading interests and the subtrban and small-town middle class is also finished. Liberal Republicanism has ceased to exist.

What comes next? There has to be a major political regrouping. The continuing
—indeed, strengthening — phe-nomenon of anti-party and antipolitician populism is another

The people who support Ross Perot, the radical-right talk show audience and the majority who do not vote at all in national elections will either be assimilated into one of the existing parties, changing its character, or will back some new move-ment (or movements) to chal-lenge the old parties. The Democratic Party in particular is

ready for replacement.

It has been wounded and groggy since the 1960s. Lyndon Johnson was the last leader of the old coalition of conservative white Southerners (in a still segregated South) with Western populists, Northern industrial workers and middle-class liberals. Franklin Roosevelt had reenergized the old Jeffersonian coalition in 1932, when the South and West were poor, the unions growing and the Repub-licans blamed for the crash and

the Depression. His vice president, Harry Truman (something of a populist himself), won in 1948 despite the defection of part of the South to the "Dixiecrats" and of some liberals to Henry Wallace's Progressive Party. John Kennedy, with a little help from his father's money and a lot of help from Lyndon Johnson, put the coalition together one more time in 1960.

But with the catastrophe of Vietnam the liberals deserted President Johnson, leaving him with the war they had created. The foreign policy directorate he inherited from President Kennedy bailed out, one by one, awarding one another the Ford Foundation, World Bank, Council on Foreign Relations etc. leaving Mr. Johnson to face the crowds chanting "How many kids did you kill today, LBJ?

ward fell into that schism which ever since has pitted social and racial interest groups and activists against "New Democrats" trying to write a new platform with national appeal. The party's two successes - the elections of Jimmy Carter in 1976 and of Bill Clinton -- occurred only because of Watergate and the willingness in 1992 of voters to blame hard times on the Bush administration.

Today the South is rich and largely Republican. Political correctness has discredited liberalism, so far as the mass of Americans is concerned. The unions have been smashed by Reagan administration legislation and by free trade. The elements in the old Democratic

coalition are gone.

On the Republican side, the tenuous coalition of Eastern internationalist finance and in-

dustry with conservative isolationism has ended in a rout of the internationalists.

The coalition first split in 1912, when the progressive and imperialist Theodore Roosevelt ran for a second presidential term as a Bull Moose, and Robert La Follette's Republican reformers backed him.

The isolationists were in control from the world war to 1941, but the internationalists dictated the party's presidential choices from 1940 to 1952. Wendell Willkie, Thomas Dewey and Dwight Eisenhower were all from the progressive wing of the party. Even Richard Nixon was

launched as a presidential candidate by his service under President Eisenhower, and although he disliked, distrusted and undermined the party's lib-eral wing, he was an internationalist president.

George Bush was the last of

the liberal Republicans, and even he did his unconvincing best to pass as a Texan.

The party today is firmly in the control of what before was its right wing, and this, now, is increasingly a radicalized liber-tarian right, influenced by doctrines of radical individualism that would have appalled Robert Taft's generation of Republi-

can conservatives. In foreign policy it combines belligerent and moralizing interventionist thetoric with a fundamental isolationism.

The public, always more conservative than in most countries, has turned right -- sometimes to an anarchic or even insurrectional right — following its loss in economic security and decline in economic expectations during recent years. In the past such factors would have more likely caused voters to turn left.
The Republicans' success in

Republicans themselves admit. Bill Clinton had two years to remake the Democratic identity

and failed. The electorate has now put the Republicans on two-year trial. Two years aren't much time. If the Kepublicans cannot square the contradiotions in the promises that Newt Gingrich made to voters in September, they will be out in 1996. We are still far from any per-

November is vulnerable, as the

manent recombination of the electoral forces at work in the country. We can say only that the old combinations are finished. America's political parties in the new century will be new parties, whatever names they bear. They may not even be parties, in today's sense. The trend even now is toward a politics hinged on personality, not principle or program - where principle and program may even be handicaps.

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Fed Up With the American Presidency

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WASHINGTON — In Washington, every shipwreck is blamed on political error. That is the conventional wisdom about the shipwreck

Bill Clinton suffered on Nov. 8. The pundits keep telling him so. Robert Samuelson, the Newsweek columnist, calls him "the mortician of liberalism." My colleague David Broder summons him to "define and defend the sacred ground of the Democratic Party."

This advice is unfortunate, indeed calamitous. It reinforces Mr. Clinton's misguided conception of presidential leadership — the conception that got him so frequently caricatured in the 1992

campaign as a "policy wonk." His recent recovery speech, while mercifully brief, was policy wonkism at its worst, echoing, on a modest scale, his Byzantine health care reform package. So have been a train of postelection gestures, proposals and concessions — on school prayer, fetal tissue experimentation, military spending, the role of the surgeon general, grazing fees on public lands in the West. All are responses to the illusion that the erosion of the president's standing is rooted in policy.

Mr. Clinton's fade-out seems to continue a recent trend in presidential fragility that afflicted Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush, The symptom is individualized, as each presi-

dent in turn is framed in the public mind in some symbolic image. Mr. Ford's was physical clumsiness, with the sly implication that he was out of his depth. Mr. Carter's was wimpishness, epitomized in the ludicrous tale of a confrontation, on a Georgia fishing pond, with a "killer rabbit." Mr. Bush's was a breezy, telegraphic preppy-speak intimating puerility and, beyond that, a privileged remoteness from the struggles of ordinary people.

Much of this was nonsense. What matters is not the accuracy of the caricature but its acceptance as a defining metaphor. Ronald Reagan alone escaped the trap, for reasons still not altogether clear. His consummate use of the double-edged

weapon of television was surely among them.

The crisis of political authority afflicts all the major democracies, as the fates of Brian Mulroney in Canada, François Mitterrand in France, the usual host of Italian prime ministers and even Margaret Thatcher in Britain suggest. Mr. Clinton's detractors cater to a widespread cynicism about all anthority that is not unique to Washington.

The immediate question for Mr. Clinton is whether the erosion of his authority, whatever its source, is reversible. The tax-cutting speech, billed as a major effort at recovery amplifies the deadly impression that he is a wanderer of no fixed views who looks outside himself for clues to popular whims and rushes to adjust himself to them.

Don't Expect a Big Third Party Soon

WASHINGTON — Former Senator Paul Tsongas, candidate in 1992 for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, says results of the No-

vember elections expose the need for a third party: a centrist coalition that would be like the Republicans on economic affairs and like the Democrats on There is a simplistic logic to this urge to get something new

started. A poll by Peter Hart shows that 27 percent of those questioned are negative or neutral to both parties. In 1992 Ross Perot running for president as an independent, got 19 percent of the vote. Many think that if he did not have

personality problems he would have done even better. In a long memorandum entitled "A Different Road?" Mr. Tsongas concludes that both the Democrats and the Republicans "have allowed a vacuum to be created that neither seems capa-

ble of filling." This is a result, he said, of "unease" among the electorate about the harsh social values of the Republicans, coupled with fear that the Democrats are liscally irresponsible. In a telephone interview, he

said his hope when he wrote the

memo was to "move the Democrats in this direction." But he acknowledged that after Presi-dent Bill Clinton's speech two weeks ago imitating the Republicans' penchant for a middleclass tax cut, he has abandoned lead a centrist coalition.

Mr. Tsongas said he believes that if neither major party has moved into the vacuum he describes by this time next year, pressures will emerge for Colin Powell or someone like him to adopt a policy agenda based on fiscal conservatism and social liberalism. He has sent Mr. Powell a copy of his memorandum. but says he has no idea of his reaction to it. He admits that after Mr. Powell, "there's a big drop" in the quality and attrac-tiveness of potential new leaders

for his centrist party. Al From, president of the Democratic Leadership Council, an organization of conservative Democrats, dismisses the Tsongas plan as "top-down ap-proach." In an interview, he said that while he agrees with Mr. Tsongas that neither of the two

main parties now occupies the

desirable centrist turf, he disagrees that a new party can be set up, dependent on a popular figure to pull it along.

A true reform movement, Mr. From said, must "bubble up" from the many new reforms successfully being followed by Re-publican and Democratic mayors and governors. He mentioned G. Thompson of Wisconsin and Democratic Governors Roy Romer of Colorado and Lawton

"Whichever party absorbs on a national level the reforms that

But there are as yet few signs of "bubbling up" activity, just as there seem to be few persons eager to board the Tsongas train. It may take well beyond 1996 to determine whether the country is ready for a viable

The Washington Post.

By Hobart Rowen

Chiles of Florida. He cited as an example of the changes under way the Charter School Movement in 11 states in which parents take responsibility for running the public school systems on an efficient basis.

many mayors and governors have been making at the local level has the best chance toemerge as the dominant party," Mr. From said.

third party.

And Then What Happened, Say, to the Vietnamese?

By Jim Hoagland

NEW YORK — And then what happened? The art of story telling — of history or of journalism, for that matter turns on that one question. Stories die if an audience does not urge on the teller with its inman-made hells.

That is of no great consequence when only stories are at stake. But what happens when Americans as a nation no longer ask that driving question - and then what happened? - about the lives and fortunes of people who because of America's actions and words believed that their fate was central to America's own destiny?

formed curiosity.

This forgetting to ask occurred in the case of South Vietnam, a country and a cause that absorbed America's attention and national treasure and inflamed U.S. politics for a decade. Since it disappeared in April 1975, South Vietnam and the people who lived there have been the subject of remarkably few authoritative accounts that say what happened after America left.

An important new book arrives to tell one person's view of what did happen after Hanoi's victory over Saigon. Entitled "South Wind Changing," by Jade Ngoc Quang Huyuh, the book is perceptively reviewed in the current issue of The New York Review of Books

by journalist Philip Gourevitch. Mr. Huynh grew up in the Mekong River Delta during the American war in Vietnam. When Americans left and averted their gaze, he endured and then escaped from Hanoi's brutal re-education camps. He made his way as a boat person to America, where he has now produced a nonideological,

insightful contribution to the "literature of witness": first-person accounts of survivors of Nazi concentration camps, Soviet gulags, Serbian ethnic cleansing and other This is how Mr. Gourevitch nails the point that "South Wind

Changing" is not only an important historical document but also an implicit commentary on the risks that small nations, or peoples, run in committing their fate to a global superpower: "Huynh's account of torture

and murder in the re-education camps "may seem familiar to readers in the late 20th century. But while such scenes have been played and replayed in country after country, to date relatively little has been published in America about the postwar terror which destroyed the lives of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese, and which produced over a million refugees. America's obsession with Vietnam has been largely a matter of self-regard."

in American writing and analysis, Mr. Gourevitch continues. the Vietnamese have appeared. whether as victims or villains. primarily as bit players in an

American tragedy."

Arguments about Vietnam became arguments about America. They were more about what Americans thought of each other and their own politics than what they thought about the Victnamese. The proof is that those arguments have gone on in a monumental act of egotism without the Vietnamese, who disappeared behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Arguing about who was to blame became more important than learning what had happened to the Vietnamese we had promised to protect. Mr. Huynh records: "Torture was happening everywhere in the labor camps around the country, but people did not seem to know or care, especially the people who negotiated this kind of 'peace' for Vietnam."

This book could be seen as nothing more than a depressing reminder of a painful past nation al trauma, arriving inopportunely as America moves toward normalizing relations with Vietnam to open up new markets and tourist destinations, "South Wind Changing" is in fact an important contemporary call on Americans not to forget the past even as circumstances move them into the future. Normalization may be useful; amnesia about what Vietnam became, to justify normal-

ization, would be shameful. The act of forgetting to ask what happened next is not confined to Vietnam. After a burst of publicity last summer, there is surprisingly little attention paid by the American public to the fate of some 30,000 Cuban refugees and 14,000 Haitians still being held in American camps in Guantánamo Bay and Panama

The Cubans, who would have once been welcomed as refugees, live in a limbo created by the sudden change of asylum policy by the Clinton administration. The limbo and the conditions in the Cuban camps have sparked riots in which 250 people, mostly U.S. troops, have been injured.

The fall of global communism and the rise of anti-immigrant sentiment in the United States make these Cuban refugees politically inconvenient, whereas only a few years ago they were politi-cally useful for Cold Warriors. The American public and its political representatives should care deeply about what happens next to these people. Mercy and justice would seem to dictate that they be allowed to begin new lives in the United States, At the least, they should be remembered in this holiday season.

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1919: Soviets in Siberia

PARIS - Soviet Russia is well on

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the Red Army. Trotzky has issued an appeal calling upon the people to devote a week specially to the discovery which is likely to cause struggle against the ever-growing descritions that are thinning the ranks of the Red Army.

CHICAGO - Robot bombing is

"almost certain to befall this country and all other countries" unless we are able to establish an efficient peace organization, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. warned today [Dec. 26].
"Let no one forget that robot bombs are still in their infancy, he said. These deadly missiles can be perfected to the point where they can travel thousands of miles at incredible speed. In that event, our oceans, our indusCan the wife a lorde surface for to ring

force, assure economic infrastructure and maintain public safety. Noting that view in the current issue of The Atlantic Monthly, Chalmers Johnson observes that governments perform those functions less well in America than in Consider transportation, a crucial part of any society's infrastructure. Japan has bullet trains. Europe has trans-European expresses from the Mediterranean to the North Sea. America has struggling Amtrak. The rationale

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dies are bad — that passenger trains must make their competitive way in the market. But that is carrying theory over the edge. Or there is aviation safety. After a series of crashes of commuter planes, it was learned that they did not have to meet the same federal safety standards as larger aircraft. Do people want to let the

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By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON - Not only Republican voters believe that gov-

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too expansive, too costly and too

intrusive. Whoever wins elec-

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But it is a different thing to

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To hear Newt Gingrich and his followers, the federal government

should do little but maintain the

national defense and pay out such

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In a world as complex as ours,

and as interconnected, even the

strongest individual necessarily

relies on all kinds of government

actions. There is a real danger

that by enfeebling government Americans will make the United

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Adam Smith, the great advo-

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marketplace determine how safe planes should be? There is a safety question about medical drugs, too. Some voices on the right are calling for elimination or severe restriction of the Food and Drug Administration, arguing that new drugs would get on the market more quickly if they did not have to go

through extensive trials and approval by the FDA first. That was the situation in Britain -- no effective constraints on new drugs - when thalidomide went on the market as a tranquilizer in the 1960s. Pregnant women who used it gave buth to terri-bly deformed children.

Safety and physical infrastructure are not the only necessary concerns of government in a market economy. Adam Smith listed education. Today he would surely add to that the encouragement of scientific research. Yet funds for university research are another target of budget-cutters.

There are other elements of a good society that individuals alone cannot provide - that depend on "the power of a community." Sig-mund Freud used that phrase 60 years ago. Trying to define what makes for civilization, he spoke of technological accomplishment, beauty, order and respect for ideas. But the decisive civilizing step, he wrote, was the replace-ment of individual force by the

power of the community. Some civilizing elements of life are under particular threat in America. An example is public libraries, a peculiarly American way to self-improvement, to en-

largement of the mind and spirit. Public television and radio will get no federal funds if Mr. Gingrich has his way. At one stroke, he would endanger the only meaningful scientific programs and documentaries on American television and by far the most serious news on radio and television. So this large, rich country would have nothing like what modest Britain has in the BBC.
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a considerable sensation in the archaeological world. It would appear that a number of enthusiastic antiquaries are firmly con-

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JFK's Secret Recordings: More Careful, No Less Evil

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — "I want you to be careful about your profanity," President John F. Kennedy told Dave Powers, a confidant, in the Oval Office one day in 1962, "because I don't want to hear your bad words coming back at me."

That puzzled Mr. Powers. According to a TEN I because oral historian.

ing to a JFK Library oral historian. he then went to Kenneth O'Donnell, JFK's most intimate political aide, and said, "Kenny, what the hell is he talking about?" Mr. O'Donnell replied: "Well, he's got this taping sys-tem installed in there."

That nugget about the first systematic invasion of privacy by a U.S. president came up in research I did

Kennedy himself selected the occasions for taping.

last week after the release of tape recordings by the Kennedy Library regarding the Cuban missile crisis. In those JFK-serving tapes, two Democratic senators — Richard Russell of Georgia and J. William Fulbright of Arkansas - were shown to be hawks urging an allout invasion of Cuba. They were unaware that Mr. Kennedy had pressed a button under the cabinet table activating microphones in

wall sconces behind his chair. In a room beneath the Oval Office, a tape machine - installed at Mr. Kennedy's direct request by Secret Service agent Robert I. Bouck - secretly recorded scores of such meetings. Mr. Kennedy was so pleased with the notion of being the only one in a meeting aware of being recorded that he extended the taping, begun in the summer of 1962, to telephone conversations. He touched a button that signaled his secretary, Evelyn Lincoln, to record

on a Dictabelt the calls he selected. The first telephone caller so taped was his wife, Jacqueline. This tape was later removed from the files, along with four numbered audiotapes of official meetings that Kennedy family members and their lawyers presumably felt showed

embarrassing or illegal actions. In the "finding aid," a Library historian writes: "That at least some items were removed cannot be doubted." What's still there? Plenty - 248 hours of meetings and 12 hours of telephone conversations. One of the tapes not yet made public is a call made by JFK to the Justice Department's Nicholas Katzenbach on July 25, 1963. The topic: "James M. Landis and the Internal Revenue

Service." Mr. Landis was the Kennedy family lawyer in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service; maybe the presidential intercession can be explained, although the call looks fishy on its face.

The index shows that Mr. Kennedy taped calls to former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, who had not pulled that trick on their predecessors. JFK felt the need to record a gallbladder discussion with future President Lyndon Johnson, who followed the Kennedy precedent of secret taping.

Mr. Kennedy taped Ted Sorensen about a speech and Arthur Schle-singer Jr., his unsuspecting histori-an, about the Profumo scandal. He recorded an aide to Robert Kennedy. Jack Rosenthal, about a death in Mississippi; the lawyer Clark Clifford about an impending Washington Post article; Senator George Smathers about press criticism of JFK, and Senator Russell Long about 1964 election prospects.

Hundreds of people who spoke to the president with the reasonable expectation of privacy were be-trayed. And a nation that was dismayed and infuriated at the revelation of the Nixon taping system in 1973 can see today where that sleazy business began in earnest: in 1962, at the personal direction of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

My purpose here is not to exoncrate Richard Nixon with the "everybody did it" excuse, because not every president in the tape era did it; apparently Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower resisted the temptation. And Mr. Kennedy did it the careful way, selecting the occasions himself and -with a handful of exceptions, since expurgated
— speaking in the knowledge that he was playing to history, unlike Mr. Nixon, who let a voice-activated system record his profanities, slurs and abuse of power.

The purpose of my late-hitting harangue is to underscore the evil of electronic eavesdropping. The 260 hours of the Kennedy tapes are a reminder that Americans need new laws to protect them from ever more sophisticated intrusions on their privacy.

Mr. Kennedy's precedent-setting actions were rooted in mistrust of loyal colleagues and the absence of an ethical compass. He probably rationalized this systematic wrong as being "for history." But it backfired; his secret taping impugns his character far more than any peccadillo. Life is not always unfair. The New York Times.

WE'VE GROWN APART, WE CHARE DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND I THINK HE'S SEEING SOME ELEPHANT NEXT DOOR! A K *warriage* COUNSELOR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civilians Under Fire

the capital of Chechnya. There have which are of little use in the summer." been reports of casualties among civilian noncombatants. Refugees International condemns the use of mil-

itary force against civilian targets. Both sides should cease fire and of violence and in providing humanitarian relief to persons displaced or affected by the fighting.

LIONEL A. ROSENBLATT, President. Refugees International. Washington.

Sleds, Reindeer and a Road

I read with great interest Michael Specter's article on the archaeologists who "came upon" the Nenets reindeer herders last summer in Siberia ("Arctic Tribe in Russia May Be Key to Migration Mystery," Fea-tures, Nov. 29). I am an ecologist and biogeographer and have been studying industrial impact on the vegeta-tion and soils of the Yamal Peninsula

them in front of their winter camp, which looks like a typical house in According to the international Salekhard Later, the summer camp and I interviewed a Nenets leader press, Russian military aircraft have is described as having "no modes of about ecological change along the bombed residential areas in Grozny, transportation other than sleds, new road and railway line. He rat-

served the more permanent winter as wind-borne dust that is ruining settlements near the tree line, but the annual cloudberry crop up to I also spent time in summer camps far kilometer downwind from the road. to the north. The sleds are indeed seek a negotiated settlement. Russia used during the summer. One look to go before it reaches Bovanyenko. should respond rapidly and effect at the design shows that it is an The railway will follow the road, tively to the humanitarian needs of efficient sled. The main body is raised and then a set of five gas pipelines the people of Chechnya. The inter- some 30 to 35 centimeters above the will follow the rail. I have grave national community should be pre-runners. This facilitates movement doubts that Amoco can "do its work pared to assist in reducing the scale over the summer tundra, which is without further disturbances of ... often dominated by willow shrubs grazing grounds." There is much evaveraging the same height. Heavier sleds require up to four reindeer to pull. Lighter sleds, one or two. The group of four Nenets families I was with in 1991 moved once every 24 hours in July in an apparently vain effort to keep their 2,000-odd animals from overgrazing the tundra.

Many of the sleds in camp mained partially or fully loaded during our stay. The chums [tepee-like shelters] were easily broken down and packed into sleds in minutes. However, this accelerated pace of nomadism cannot compensate for the fact that the herds are too large and have been so for decades. A family of four consumes about 25 reindeer a year. Nomadism will be since 1991. The article says that the a liability when the road-railway-Nenets "live year-round in reindeer-skin tepees," yet the photo shows struction is completed and dissects

the peninsula from south to north. In 1993, a Russian ethnologist tled off a litany of complaints re-During my two visits, I have ob- garding unforeseen impacts - such The road has another 350 kilometers

> idence to the contrary. BRUCE C. FORBES. Royaniemi, Finland.

Regarding "Partners Have to Take mericans' Choler Seriously" (Opinion, Nov. 18) by Flora Lewis:

The article gives the impression that the Clinton administration has been "punished" for its multinationalism in foreign policy. The defeat should rather be ascribed to American domestic issues and personalities. The prospect of Senator Jesse Helms as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee does not angur well for the future of U.S. multinationalism. CARLO TREZZA.

Write Checks to Yourself And Come Out Ahead

By David Silverstein

WASHINGTON — About six months ago I received three cash-advance checks in the mail from a bank that wanted to issue me a credit card. These are blank checks that I could make out to whomever I chose, to be drawn against a credit card account that this bank hoped

I would open with it.
I almost threw the checks away without reading the accompanying letter, because I knew that cash advances usually carry hefty user fees

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and begin accruing interest charges immediately. But for some reason I read this letter. It turned out to be a very wise decision.

The bank made the following pitch: I could use the cash-advance checks for up to my full credit limit, which was \$7,500; all cash-advance fees would be waived if I did so; and I would receive 1 percent cash back, as a sort of bonus, for whatever portion of my credit line I used. It was the last part that I couldn't believe.

I read the letter several times. I showed it to some friends to ensure I was interpreting it correctly. It turns out this is a fairly standard introductory offer. Other banks do it, in a mble for credit card customers.

I took this bank up on it, opening a MasterCard account. Then I used the first of the cash-advance checks, wrote myself a check for \$7,500, the entire credit limit, and deposited it in my checking ac-count. I didn't wait for the credit card company to send me a bill for this; I simply sent a personal check (drawn on my newly enlarged checking account) to the credit card issuer to pay off the \$7,500 debt.

I called the credit card company and got the good news: As promised it was cutting me a check for \$75 (1 percent of the original \$7,500 credit line) as my bonus for using my card. In effect, I had gone through a revolving door and right back out again, earning \$75 for the trouble. I didn't hesitate to repeat the process.

After a few more transactions from myself to myself, I telephoned the credit card company and asked for a credit-limit increase. The operator looked up my account, saw that I had been running large balances and pay-ing them off in full, and replied that an increase would be no problem.

The next day I learned that my credit limit had been increased to \$11,500. Now each time I repeated the process — drawing down my credit, depositing it in my account, paying it back immediately, collect-

ing the bonus — I carned \$115 in "cash rewards."

But it wasn't enough. Since I had been using a MasterCard, I called and asked for Visa as well. Within two weeks a Visa card arrived in the mail along with three cash-advance checks and a new \$7,500 balance.

This is, I assure you, perfectly legal. It is just one sideshow in the grand carnival of promotion that is the credit card business.

In their fervor to shove more plastic into our pockets, the debt indus-try (sometimes more politely referred to as "financial services providers") now offers cards with low interest rates, cards that come with free frequent-flier miles, cards that give discounts on gas or luggage, even cards that accumulate points" that can be applied to the purchase of a new car. And, of course, there are cards that come with cash-advance checks, and cash "rewards" for using them.

The marketing people aren't complete fools. I am sure they know that some people will figure out they can do I what I did; but we are few, in a huge industry that takes advantage of the tens of thousands of less organized people who typically use their credit card advances to pay off other debts. These cash-back deals must be more than offset by the gigantic interest that banks often charge on unpaid balances — as much as 21 percent.

Even though my credit card company tells me its program is a promotion, of limited duration, it continues to send me new checks faster than I can use them. To date I have made more than \$1,500 by writing checks to myself.

It has occurred to me that someone is doing something very dumb. Either it's the bank, which is risking the loss of a great deal of money, or it's the consumers who aren't taking advantage of this fine deal.

Then again, one friend has suggested that the dumbest person of all is me - for writing about it.

The writer, a businessman, contributed this article to The Washington Post, which comments: "Yes, we checked this out. Yes, it works."

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Radical Islamic Group Targets Foreigners

TUNIS — The Armed Islamic Group is considered to be the most radical and dangerous of Algeria's Muslim fundamen-

talists and also the most anti-foreign. Algerian authorities said the gunmen who seized an Air France airliner in Algiers on Saturday were members of the group, which is trying to transform the North African nation into an Islamic re-

More than 70 foreigners, among them 22 French nationals, have been killed since the group last year gave foreigners a month to get out of Algeria or face death. In a recent interview in the Algerian

Arabic-language daily newspaper Essalam, one unidentified leader of the group was quoted as describing foreigners as "the main coronary artery" of a plan to "colonize" the country with non-Muslims.

"Killing and fighting them is the practical message to weaken the unbeliever rul-ers," he said. In some propaganda, the group claims

to be the heir of the first wave of Muslim guerrilla activists in Algeria. This movement was considered to have been knocked out of action after its founder, Mustapha Bouyali, was shot to death in 1986 by security forces. His followers were arrested and sen-

tenced to death, but were freed early in 1990 under pressure from the emerging Islamic Salvation Front.

In the shadow of the now outlawed Front, the country's main Muslim fundamentalist political force, the Armed Islamic Group assembled men and arms, testing its strength in November 1991 by storming an army outpost and killing three soldiers

them is the practical message to weaken the unbeliever rulers.' An unidentified leader of the Armed Islamic Group

Killing and fighting

in the southeastern town of Guemar, according to the interview with the unnamed

The group imposed as a key qualification for its leaders that they take part. directly in violent operations.

"They should experience armed opera-tions and must demonstrate that they have killed significant numbers among God's enemies," the leader said.

The last chief was Cherif Gousmi, 26, known as Abu Abdallah, who was killed in a gun battle with security forces near Algiers in September.

The group's No. 3, Abdessalam Djemaoune, was gunned down alongside Mr. Gousmi. According to Algeria's official press agency, APS, Mr. Djemaoune was known as the group's specialist in slitting throats, including those of 12 Croatian Christians who were killed at a foreign

workers' camp last December.

Mr. Gousmi had headed the group since February, when its former chief, Mourad Sid Ahmed, alias Djaraf Afghani, was shot to death with nine of his men in a gun battle in an Algiers suburb.

Security forces said they had found a letter with Mr. Gousmi's body from Ali Belhadj, No. 2 in the Islamic Salvation Front political command, urging Muslim rebels to intensify their war against the

army-backed government.

But beyond that reported link with Mr. Belhadj, political analysts are baffled about the relationship between the Armed Islamic Group and the Islamic Salvation Front, which has its own armed wing called the Salvation Islamic Army.

Some say the groups represent two faces of the same coin, while others see them as

Hijackers Slow To Recognize Famous Singer

MARSEILLE -- It took his fundamentalist hijackers a day to realize that among their hostages was César Ferhat, a fervent anti-Islamist crusader and one of Algeria's most popular singers.

But once the guerrillas put a name to his familiar face in Algiers, Mr. Ferhat said Monday, "I was select-

ed for execution."
The singer, 43, is well-known in Algeria and on French television for his prominent role in the pubic campaign against the Is-

After telling him he was marked for death, the four: guerrillas changed their minds and asked him to act as their go-between with the Algiers control tower, Mr. Ferhat said.

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er. "The only way to put an end to it was to take offensive action," he said. Major Favier said his men

used an emergency plan to storm the aircraft at three points simultaneously because they did not know exactly where the gunmen were.

His force suffered its worst casualties at the front of the plane during an intense gun battle that lasted about four

"The unit that entered the front of the plane found the four terrorists holed up in the cockpit," Major Favier said. Witnesses counted at least 50

volleys of automatic fire and numerous explosions. Thirteen passengers and three Air France crew were injured during the assault, most only scratched or bruised and shaken by the violence of the

attack. The French commandos "told us to get down and crawl toward the exit," said one pas-senger who gave his first name as Areski.

A woman said: "They told us to lie low and when my husband raised his head, a stewardess shoved it into the seat."

French television said about 50 police officers were involved in the operation but photographers who saw the attack estimated only 20 to 30 men took

Officers were seen helping passengers down the aircraft's inflatable escape chutes, which billowed out after the attack be-

Television showed several blasts of orange flame and heavy smoke in the cockpit. At least one other blast was seen on the tarmac below the plane.

likely to bring the Islamic Salvation Front to power. This year, France has also helped by clamping down on Frenchbased Islamic groups that have allegedly contributed arms and money to the fight against the Algerian government.

■ More Violence Feared Foreign Minister Alain

Juppé said on Monday that Algeria's civil strife would be long-lasting and that he feared more Muslim fundamentalist violence against French interests, Reuters reported from Par-

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HIJACK: French Commando Team Kills Gunmen and Rescues Hostages in Jet at Marseille

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pinning down the gunmen while other police opened the rear side doors and began freeing hostages.

Denis Favier, the commander of the unit, said that the police were met by "a rain of automatic fire" as they entered the front of the aircraft. "It was really hell," he later told a television interviewer at Marseille's Marignane Airport. "The four gunmen were in the cockpit and we faced intense gunfire."

But, within minutes, even as explosive flashes and clouds of smoke could be seen near the cockpit, emergency doors were opened and passengers began sliding down escape chutes and running away from the plane.
Suddenly, a window in the cockpit opened and the plane's captain jumped out, fell heavily to the ground and then limped away toward one of 50 waiting

ambulances. Confusion about what exactly had happened nonetheless lasted for at least another hour. At the news conference in Paris, Mr. Pasqua said that two gunmen had been killed, one was arrested and a fourth was in the process of being identified. only later did the Interior Min-

men were killed. The ministry also gave details the nine police officers, it said, of other victims. It said two only one was seriously wound-passengers were slightly ed, losing a hand in the combat. passengers were slightly wounded by gunfire, while 11 wounded by gunfire, while 11 The exact number of gun-were injured in the scramble to men, who boarded the wideflee the plane. Two crew mem-bers were also hit by bullets, pared to take off from Algiers

Series of Commando Raids June 27, 1976: A Paris-bound Air France Airbus is hi-

jacked by a pro-Palestinian commando with 244 passengers

on board after a stopover in Athens. The plane, which came

from Tel Aviv, lands in Entebbe, Uganda. An Israeli force

storms the terminal where the hostages are lying on the floor. Three hostages, the seven terrorists and 20 Ugandan soldiers Oct. 13, 1977: Four Palestinian hijackers seize control of a Lufthansa Boeing 737 en route to Frankfurt from Palma de Majorca in Spain with 87 passengers. The pilot is gunned down. The plane lands at Mogadishu, Somalia, where the

Gown. The plane lands at Mogadistin, Somalia, where the German crack unit frees the hostages.

Feb. 19, 1978: An Egyptian anti-terrorist crack unit storms a Cyprus Airways DC8 in Lamaca, where two Palestinian extremists hold 11 passengers and four crew members hostage. Fifteen members of the Egyptian unit are killed and 15 others wounded.

Nov. 23, 1985: A Cairo-bound Egypt Air Boeing 737 with 97 people is hijacked after take-off from Athens and re-routed to Malta. The hostage takers kill two passengers and ask for the plane to be refueled. An Egyptian crack unit storms the plane the following day. Sixty passengers and two hijackers die in the assault.

istry confirm that all four gun-men were killed. and the captain was hurt when on Saturday, was also in doubt. own attack to end the hijacking. Initially, Algerian authorities Earlier, France had offered to said there were four. On Sunday, the same Algerian officials said there were five militants on board. On Monday, French reports spoke variously of four, five and six gunmen.

French radio reports Mon- give in to the Islamic militants. day night said that the police even if this proved fatal to were carefully checking the many hostages. With some 40 identity of passengers to ensure French nationals among the that no gunman had escaped passengers and crew, however, among them. The gunmen had mreleased 63 Algerian passengers sistent that any operation to in Algiers as well as an elderly end the crisis be carried out by couple Monday afternoon in

of the passengers were in a state that France was not a party to of shock and were receiving Algeria's civil war. "We would medical attention. Reporters like it to know peace and know were kept away from them, but it through democracy," he said. one police inspector said, Many are trembling and clearly very upset." Most are expect-ed to complete their journey to Group over the past 15 months, Paris Tuesday.

own attack to end the hijacking. send its elite commandos to carry out the operation, but had received no answer. The officials said they feared Algeria was most interested in

sistent that any operation to the French police. Marseille, although 159 passengers and 12 crew members were still thought to be on board.

Mr. Balladur said Monday night, "France will inexorably fight terrorism and will not give fight terrorism and will not give Reports from Marseille on in to blackmail wherever it Monday night said that many comes from." He also stressed

With 24 French nationals among some 80 foreigners muraris Tuesday. however, it is apparent that French government officials France is still widely viewed in said that Algeria was urged to Algeria as a key supporter of

allow the plane to fly to south- the country's military regime. ern France early Monday after In December 1991, France French authorities grew backed the regime's decision to alarmed that the Algerian gov- cancel a second round of parliaernment was about to order its mentary elections that seemed

demonstrating that it would not part in the assault.

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From left, Kashmir-shawl coat: Valentino evening ensemble, 1991: Lanvin jacket, 1936-37; Saint Laurent's brocade coatdress, and below, Galliano's take on the geisha.

The Allure of the East in Western Dress

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribund

EW YORK — Oh for a Thousand and One Nights ball to see out the old year! The sea of black that engulfs the festive season suggests that the exotic has gone out of fashion now that far-flung travel is on everyone's agenda - or at least on television.

The lure and the allure of the Orient are on show at New York's Metropolitan Museum. "Orientalism: Visions of starting with the chinoiserie silks from

waisted flapper dresses with sumptu- of sexual ecstasy. ous Chinese embroideries by the Callot Soeurs in Paris shows the ideal fusion of fashion and exotic fantasy.

come off - lacking the richness and texture that are the essence of exoticism. In fact the catalogue, written by the show's curators, Richard Martin and Harold Koda, does a better job of conveying in words and pictures the culture to suggest liberty of behavior as well as of orientalism. A 1920s dress is illustrated movement. ed by Georges Barbier in context in a Japonisme interior of cherry-blossom branch and Chinese lacquer furniture.

There are portraits of a turbaned Lord Byron (by Thomas Phillips) as a the East in Western Dress" (at the dashing adventurer; voluptuous wom-Costume Institute until March 19) en in exotic dress painted by Ingres takes a tour of history and of the globe, and Delacroix. A fashion plate of an 18th-century gentleman in powdered the 18th century and ending with Jean wig shows him with three symbols of Paul Gaultier's 1994 Chinese-quilted the exotic: a Chinese robe, a cup of collee and an Between come a range of exotic in- graphs include Horst's stylish 1935 spirations as the flat silhouettes of the portrait of a socialite in a cheongsam 1920s were collivened with Eastern to Ballets Russes dancers in costumes brocades and embroideries. Low- from "Scheherazade" and in attitudes

Given the Metropolitan Museum's wealth of paintings, drawings and furniture in its archives, it is a pity that its on the other foot.

But for all the splendor of its individ- collection was not used to enrich the ual pieces, the exhibition does not quite fashion exhibition. For both the catalogue's lucid text and the art references point up what is missing from the display of clothes: sex. The point about Orientalism is that it was used for centuries to add spice to dress and

> The lamp-shade skirt and bloomer pants designed by Paul Poiret before World War I freed a woman's body from restrictive dress and Poiret's famous Arabian costume ball of 1911 was infamous for its air of dalliance and decadence. Dressing up in the clothes of another country gave the wearer a license to behave outside a rigid code of social practice. The colonialist phrase "going native" suggests a fratemizing that was frowned on, ev was expressed only in clothes.

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from the East taking on the shape of nape of the neck. the West," says Martin, "But eventually the East comes to change form."

He was referring to fashion absorbing Eastern costumes like sarongs and pareos or Japanese kimonos. The show includes Ralph Lauren's pareos, Issey Miyake's flat pleats and Gianni Versace's India-goes-punk sari-dress held together with safety pins.

DISTINCTION should be made between designers who use exotica as an embellish-⊾ment — like the brocades and embroideries from Valentino or Oscar de la Renta — and those for whom the inspiration is deeper than

Yves Saint Laurent's many different The way that the exotic was tamed reprises of Chinese, Moorish and Rusby molding it to a Western form is sian themes all take exotic dress as a shown in the (too brief) Indian section, starting point for exploration. In re-where gauzy Kashmiri fabrics were cent collections, the British designer turned into crinoline dresses. But the John Galliano has made the costume Oriental pointed slipper could also be of the geisha girl pivotal to his collections, with variations on the kimono sensual pleasure of dressing up.

"Orientalism begins with textiles and a focus on jackets cut from the

"At the end of the 20th century, designers have every possibility for knowing other cultures," says Martin. "What they are looking for is the image of the East."

It is hard to understand why ethnic cultures are suddenly in or out of fashion. Indian and North African clothes and even Afghan coats were in vogue 20 years ago specifically because of people taking the hippie trail to farflung places - just as the first Chinese treasures arrived in the West from Marco Polo's 13th-century voyages.

Martin and Koda suggest that clothing often has a political agenda and the appropriation of foreign dress can be read historically as a hy-product of colonialism.

But at this end of the 20th century the explanation for exoticism is probably quite simple. Faced with the practical, functional, realistic modern wardrobe and the ubiquitous little black dress, women crave the drama and the



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DRAWING THE LINE: Tales of Maps and Cartocontroversy

By Mark Monmonier. 368 pages. \$27.50. Henry Holt.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

MARK Monmonier is a professor of geography at Syracuse University and, more perhaps to the point for present purposes, a prose stylist of no mean ability or charm. His specialty is cartography, out of which he has fashioned a side career as an author of books about maps and mapmaking for cordingly.

lay readers, the most recent of these being "How to Lie With Maps," published three years

In "Drawing the Line," Mon-monier embellishes upon the theme implicit in the title of that earlier volume: Notwithstanding the general, unquestioning faith most of us put in maps, "no map is a thoroughly objective, value-neutral device for describing distances and locations." A map may not at first glance appear to be as subjective as a political tract or a newspaper editorial, but in many cases maps are drawn in the hopes of furthering certain ends and are altered ac-

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If at times these ends are accomplished, Monmonier says, in substantial measure it is because we are so ignorant about maps. We may from time to time be irritated or inconvenienced by a road map that fails to include the street we're look-ing for or that sends us off in the wrong direction, but as a rule we have a faith in maps that borders on blind obedience. We assume that the world is as maps describe it, when in fact maps come no closer to perfect representation than do

many ways the most interesting of these is the controversy that arose after the publication in the 1970s of the so-called Peters projection, a world map fa-vored by "left-leaning and reliing in size — and thus by impli-cation importance — Europe entific journals and technical

drawings or words.

• Nathalie Baye, the French film star, is reading "Misia: The Life of Misia Seri" by Arthur Gold and Robert Fizdale. "This wonderful book recounts the fantastic life of Pol-

ish born pianist, Misia Sert. She was a model for Lautrec and Renoir, friend of Proust and Diaghilev, rival of Coco Chanel. It's a vivid memoir of reallife Bohemian Paris." (John Brunton, IHT)

"Drawing the Line" gathers and North America. This came together several case studies of in sharp contrast to the widely the ways in which maps can used Mercator projection. misrepresent or deceive. In which advocates of the Peters projection dismissed for its Eurocentric bias."

Arno Peters, the German architect of this novel map, was in fact not a cartographer at all but vored by "left-leaning and reli-gious publications" because it for leftist causes who had mas-represented the underdevel-tered "the art of writing press oped world of Africa, Latin releases, holding press confer-America and Asia as dominatences and exploiting channels

his critics." He played to an audience "of victims and sympathizers eager to overthrow a tyr-

anny that was at once graphic, deological and economic." For a time enthusiasm about the Peters projection was so great that his version of the world threatened to become the standard one. Eventually the deficiencies of his portrayal were detected and publicized but, as Monmonier says, "he has won a few sympathizers for his argument that the type of map people com-

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cates not only broad ignorance about cartography but also the enormous persuasiveness of maps, even bad ones. Naïvetė about maps and how they work explains the willingness of educated people — editors, reporters, religionists and development officials — to take Peters seriously. Had these journalists and advocates received a firm foundation in both geography and geometry, the Peters phenomenon would have been impossible. But equally important is the power of even poor maps to organize and communicate information. Pardon the tautology, but if the Peters map were utterly misleading and totally useless, no one would have used it, not even Peters."

how maps can be used by government bureaucracies to fuzz over difficulties attendant to touchy matters such as toxicwaste disposal, wetlands development and emergency evacuations. At times these discussions drift fairly far from cartography, but sooner or later Monmonier always returns to his central point, which is that "maps are highly selective and necessarily biased." No one who reads "Drawing the Line" is likely to look at a map in the same old way again.

Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of The Washington Post.

"The Peters controversy indi-

I N the Intel Quick-Play Grand Prix tourney Garry Kasparov defeated Predrag Ni-On the aggressive sally with 7 Qg4, the little-played 7... Kf8 that Nikolic favors, the idea is that the king may be safer between the wing and center.
Nikolic's 8... Qc7 challenges
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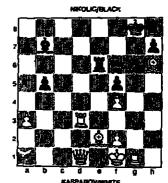
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By Robert Byrne

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After 26 Rgl, Nikolic could



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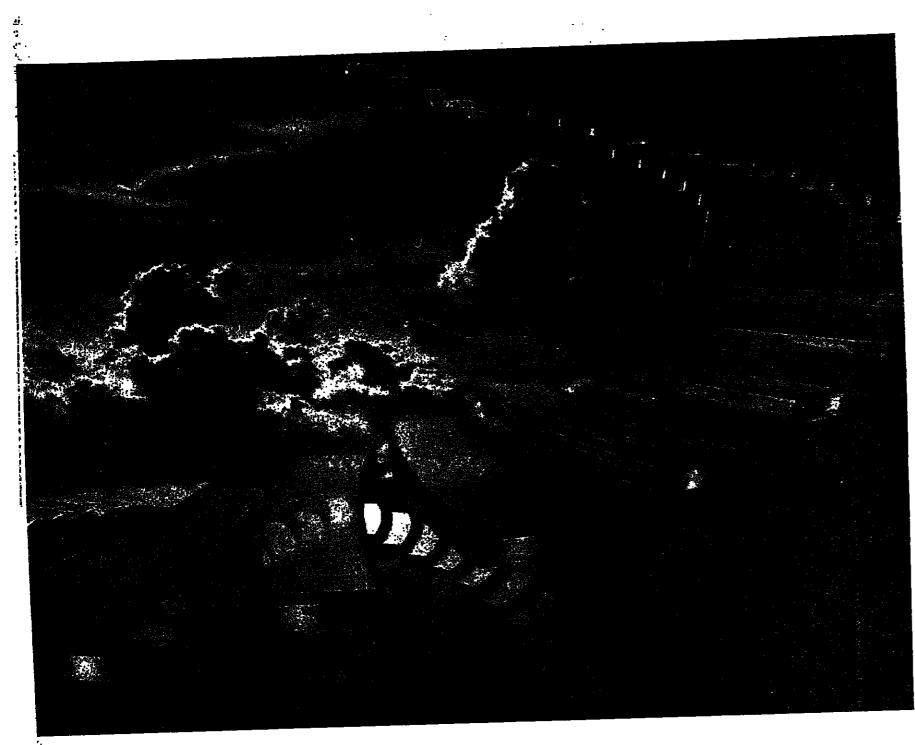
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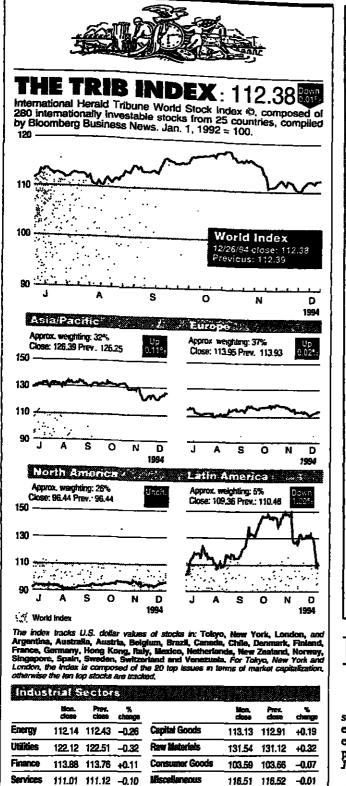
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The Jittery Fallout from Mexico Peso Extends its Fall, Weighing on Regional Markets

MEXICO CITY - The peso tumbled 8 percent ngainst the dollar in Mexico City on Monday, taking the currency's loss since being devalued last week to more than

The dollar rose to 5.075 pe-sos, compared with 3.4620 on Wednesday, the day Mexican government allowed its currency to float freely on foreignexchange markets. On Friday,

a dollar was worth 4.70 pesos. The peso's slide has left investors concerned that a damaging series of devaluations could sweep Latin America, now the world's second-fastest-growing regional economy

Those fears of a spreading currency crisis dragged down regional stock indexes Monday. Argentina led losses, with its MalVal index of blue-chip issues plunging 5.24 percent, to 455.98 points. In Brazil, the Sao Paulo stock exchange's Bovespa index fell 1.7 percent, to 42,873, while the IBV index in Rio de Janeiro fell 2.96 percent. to 16,402.

Mexico's Bolsa index slipped 0.26 percent, to 2,335.79 points, after faltering badly last week.

"Once the Mexican peso started to melt down, Brazilian stocks followed suit," said

say the short-term answer is ker at ING Bank in Sao Paulo.

(Reuters, Bloomberg) James Brooke of the New York Times reported earlier from Rio de Janeiro: In 1982. Mexico failed to

honor its foreign debt pay-ments, setting off a traumatic series of Latin American defaults that caused the 1980s to be called the region's Lost De-

Is the same thing about to happen again? Many analysts no.
"This Mexican shock will

not take the region with it as it did in 1982," said Miguel Angel Broda, an Argentine economist. "This earthquake will be slowly overcome. Sophisticated investors are learning to see the differences between Argentina and Mexico."

The Mexican peso was severely undermined by a record trade deficit for 1994 that is approaching \$30 billion. With imports flooding into the coun-

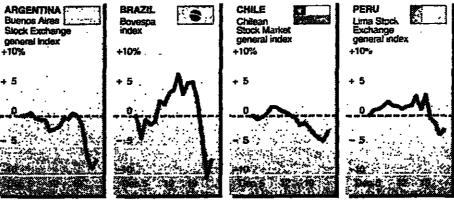
try, Mexico's foreign-currency reserves plummeted this year from \$25 billion to \$6.5 billion, barely enough to cover two months of imports. Brazil, by contrast, has \$43 billion in reserves and a \$11.5 billion trade

"By now, financial experts have learned that there is significant diversity throughout Latin America," said Sebastian Edwards, the World Bank's chief economist for the region.

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The Domino Effect, Latin Style

The threat of a Mexican currency crisis pushed many Latin American stock markets down, but after the crisis actually arrived, Latin stocks rallied. Figures are percentage changes in dollar terms since the Dec. 1 close, plotted daily.



Crédit Lyonnais Sells 19% Stake In Adidas Parent

PARIS - The troubled French state-owned bank Credit Lyonnais SA said Monday it was selling a 19 percent stake in Adidas International Holding, which controls 95 percent of the

German sportswear company Adidas AG. Adidas said that Robert Louis-Dreyfus, a French businessman, and his associates in the Belgian holding company SO-GEDIM have exercised their option to buy 100 percent of

Adidas International. No details were supplied about the price but analysts estimated the stake was worth as much as 900 million French francs (\$165 million).

Crédit Lyonnais shares jumped as much as 8.6 percent. or 39 francs, to 482 francs in early Monday trading before closing at 455 francs, up 12 francs, on French press reports that the bank was poised to sell its Adidas stake. The announcement of the sale was made after the market closed.

Mr. Louis-Dreyfus, a former chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi Co., already owns 28 percent of Adidas. Mr. Louis-Dreyfus resigned last week from the board of Saatchi & Saatchi Co. in a corporate reshuffle capped by the ouster of Maurice Saatchi as chairman.

Other Adidas International holders included Coatbridge Holdings and Omega Ventures, with 15 percent and 20 percent respectively, and the stateowned insurer Assurances Genérales de France, with 18 per-

In February 1993, Mr. Louis-Dreyfus - along with Credit Lyonnais, Assurances Générales and Union des Assurances de Paris - paid \$370 million to buy a 78 percent stake in Adidas from Bernard Tapie, the French businessman and former government minister.

The action on Monday leaves

Crédit Lyonnais with about 4 percent of Adidas AG, which the bank said it would probably soon sell.

Adidas AG is expected to boost sales by 20 percent this year and post a profit before taxes of more than 100 million Deutsche marks (\$63 million), compared with 34 million DM in 1993 and a loss of 150 million DM in 1992.

The move is the latest in a series of asset sales by Crédit Lyonnais, designed to relieve the bank's financial distress.

For 1993, Credit Lyonnais posted the biggest-ever loss by a bank, 6.9 billion francs. This year, it had a first-half loss of 4.5 billion francs, after setting aside 8.9 billion francs in reserves against risky loans.

The bank's revenue from asset sales so far this year amount to more than 9 billion francs.

Tool Orders Climb in U.S.

Bloomberg Business News WASHINGTON - U.S. orders for machine tools, the equipment used to shape and assemble metal used in everything from cars to household appliances, rose-2.9 percent in November from October, the Association for Manufacturing Technology said Monday.

Orders, which soared 59.4 percent in November from the year-earlier month, are on target to finish 1994 at the fourth-highest level ever, it added.

In November, machine tool orders increased to \$370.3 million after falling 30.1 percent, to \$359.8 million in October.

Bid-Rigging Seen in Japan Electronics

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The Fair Trade Commis-

sion plans to file a criminal complaint early next year charging nine Japanese electronics companies of rigging bids on public projects worth \$500 million a year, Japanese media reported Monday.

The complaint is also expected to be a step toward answering demands by the United States that Japan crack down on widespread bid-rigging, which U.S. offi-cials say is a barrier to foreign businesses winning contracts in Japan.

The companies expected to be named in the complaint are Hitachi Ltd., Toshiba Corp., Mitsubishi Electric Corp., Fuji Electric Co., Yaskawa Electric Corp., Shinko Electric Co., Meidensha Corp., Takaoka Electric Manufacturing Co. and Nissin Electric Co.

The commission had no comment on the reports but said it was still investigating the companies. The companies also had no

The case involves electronic equipment

for sewage systems contracted by the Japan Sewage Works Agency, an affiliate of the Construction Ministry.

The nine companies are suspected of dividing the equipment contracts among themselves by holding a "draft" in which the companies would take turns picking contracts they sought, the reports said.

With the assistance of the agency, the companies fixed their bids so that each individual contract would be won by the company that selected it in the draft, the reports said. (AP, Bloomberg)

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U.S. Industry's High-Flying Salesman

By Peter Behr

ASHINGTON - When Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown took a trade mission to China in August, the 25 corporate executives accompany ing him sat in the back of the plane. Mr. Brown was up front, in a special com-partment once used by presidents when

the jethiner was in duty as Air Force One. Along the way, the executives were ushered one-by-one into Mr. Brown's compartment to review the business deals they hoped to conclude in China a setting that demonstrated to this powerful group who was leading the team. By the end of the trip, the executives were praising Mr. Brown's leadership.

"I was very impressed by Secretary Brown," said Leslie G. McCraw, chair-Brown," said Lessie G. McCraw, chairman of Fluor Corp., a global construction company with annual sales of \$7 billion. "He kept asking, "What are your opportunities? What do you want to achieve?" Ms. McCraw described how Mr. Brown skillfully brought the U.S. executives into his later discussions with Chinaga leaders to make key points Chinese leaders to make key points.

The trip defines the high-flying style that Mr. Brown has brought to the Commerce post, a job that some observers thought might be too big for the former Democratic National Committee chairman and Washington lawyer whose business experience had been limited.

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gressive and successful members of President Bill Clinton's cabinet. Combining a politician's focus on results with a showman's eye for staging and spotlights, Mr. Brown has made his department — long regarded as a governmental backwater
— into a key player in the Clinton administration's economic plan.

Mr. Brown has won widespread accolades from U.S. business leaders, more than 100 of whom have accompanied

The U.S. companies whose executives have traveled with Commerce Secretary Brown have won \$13 billion in business deals.

him on trade promotion trips to Russia, South America, the West Bank and Gaza, South Africa and China.

"He is the star of the administration," Edgar S. Woolard Jr., chairman of Du

given us more support than anyone I've seen in that department." To Mr. Brown's chagrin, his perfor-

Pont Co., said recently.

George Fisher, chairman of Eastman Kodak Co., agreed: "Ron Brown has

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mance at the Commerce Department has made him the leading candidate to run Mr. Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, a job he does not want.

"I want to do everything I can to belp," Mr. Brown said recently. But "running the re-election campaign is nothing that I desire, seek or particularly look forward to," he said. "I'd much

rather be secretary of commerce." Mr. Brown has detractors, of course, starting with the human-rights community. Some of its leaders are still angry about the China trip, arguing that Mr. Brown gave a higher priority to U.S. corporate interests in China than to the fate of dissidents and political prisoners

Mr. Brown faces several other storm fronts. The Commerce Department's expanding research partnerships with private industry—a priority for Mr. Brown - are on the target list of Republican budget-cutters in the House.

Mr. Brown may come under renewed fire on ethics issues. Aides to Representative William F. Clinger, a Republican from Pennsylvania who will take over chairmanship of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee next year, said he intended to press Mr. Brown on what he feels are still-unanguered questions about several of Mr. swered questions about several of Mr. Brown's business holdings before he took the Commerce job.

Mr. Clinger said he was looking for

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East Bloc Fails To Get the Point Of Privatization

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - There is far less to privatization in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union than meets the eye, a report published Tuesday as-

Instead of steaming confidently toward free markets, the region is sliding toward "inefficient, partially collectivized hybrid economies in which a bureaucratic elite still succeeds in exploiting the bulk of the population," the report said.

Published by the Adam Smith Institute, a London-based free-market research group,the report found that much of the privatization work of the past four years has been little more than cosmetic. "A lot of what is called privatization is not really that at all," said Peter Young, a director of the Institute and one of the two authors of the report

Mr. Young and his co-author found many examples of com-panies sold off to the private sector but still run by the same managers and operating in the same largely protected markets as they did under state control.

There is still not any intellectually coherent alternative model to the push towards a market economy," Mr. Young said.
"But nonetheless we are seeing a transfer of state assets to things that are called private but in which the only real change is the name plate on the door."

The companies' new owners often lack the means to exert their rights, the report found. including the right to oust management

The directors of large privatized enterprises form one of the most powerful forces arrayed against reform, the report alleged. In the vacuum created by the demise of Communism and of the party apparatus, those directors have taken on new importance not simply in economic terms but in political ones, often via their membership in state Parliaments.

Being naturally fearful that change will undermine their po-

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enterprises much as they are,"

the report said. The unchallenged power of those company directors has, in many cases, led to the preservation of now privatized monopo-

The report faulted governments for continuing to place strict restrictions on what businesses privatized companies could engage in. The report also accused governments of simply transforming vast state monopolies into nominally private companies without either breaking them up or reducing barriers to new competitors.

The underlying reason for privatization — the creation of competitive, free-market economies - has been all but forgotten, the authors charged. Accordingly, they have titled their "The Amnesia of Re-

The report said there were two primary drawbacks to method of privatizing compa-nies using a voucher system, which is popular in many gov-ernments. Under this system, governments issue vouchers to citizens in lieu of cash to compensate for the lack of buying power among the public and thus to enable the transfer of

ownership to take place. But the voucher system does not introduce new capital or new management to the priva-

The report found that Eastern Europe has been more successful in privatizing former stateowned companies than the for-mer Soviet Union. Mr. Young attributed the discrepancy largely to Eastern Europe's shorter experience with Communism. The authors chided bureaucrats in the former Soviet Union for continuing to think "that reforms are less important than forms." They pointed to welter regimes that now confront privatized companies in the former Soviet republics.

The report singled out Poland as the only country in the region where the government has succeeded in getting its an-

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Black Ink at Paper Firms **Recovery Raises Investment Questions**

HELSINKI - Europe's paper-making industry, sensitive to swings in demand and supply, is recovering fast as demand grows and prices rise for pulp and paper products after a gloomy start to the decade.

But while investments in new paper machines announced so far pose no threat of creating excess capacity, the key issue is how companies will act as profits pick up, analysts

So far, it seems as if the industry can avoid the mistakes of the boom years of the late 1980s. At that point, companies invested heavily and many did so at the same time, contributing to one of sector's deepest downturns in modern times.

"I think the lesson we learnt was so hard that it will not be forgotten," said Marjatta Malmipohja, assistant director at the Finnish Forest Industries Federation, But, she cautioned,

"T've also seen past mistakes repeated." The amount of new investment could determine the length of the upswing and the depth of the following downturn.

So far there has been no major rush of announcements of investments in increased The investments we have seen so far will

fit very well into the market," said Mikael Jafs, an analyst at Swedbank in Stockholm, adding that they were needed to meet the growing demand.
"The crux of the matter is what will happen

in a year's time," he added. Some analysts even believe the industry might not be investing enough right now and that there was a risk of too tight a market and

problems later on. "There is not enough new capacity to respond to the growing demand," said Juha Nissila, analyst at Union Bank of Finland Securities. He said there were already shortages of pulp and fine paper, especially in the Far East.

"If they abstain from investments, they

drive prices up and then all will invest at the same time," he said. "You can guess what will happen then."

Jaakko Niemela, analyst at the Funnish brokerage Opstock Securities, said he expected the global increase in new paper and paper board capacity in this business cycle to be about half of the increase in the previous cycle.

"I think investors have overestimated this danger," he said.

Mr. Jafs, estimating that the peak would arrive during 1996, said he did not believe Finnish and Swedish companies would invest

It seems as if the industry can avoid the excessive outlays of the 1980s boom.

too heavily as a result of past experience and in line with their need to pay off debts and

strengthen their balance sheets. But there was a danger that forest-product companies in Continental Europe would start building new paper machines and that this would worsen a possible downturn in 1997, he

After showing losses in the early part of this decade, Finnish and Swedish companies have improved their results rapidly thanks to depreciating currencies over the last two years and strengthening markets in 1994.

As prices on paper and pulp rise and capacity utilization ratios jump, the temptation to vest increases. Last month the Finnish forestry company

Metsa-Serla announced it would invest 2 billion markkaa (\$418 million) in a line paper

The investments that have been announced so far are not expected to have any big impact on the market or on prices, analysts said.

French Staff Takes IBM Wage Cut

PARIS - International Business Machines Corp.'s French unit said Monday it could save about 400 million French francs (\$73 million) a year after an overwhelming majority of the unit's employees accepted a 7.7 percent pay cut.

The cut, which was accepted 95 percent of the unit's 14,000 affected employees, takes effect this month, an IBM spokesman said.

The French unit's cost-cutting programs come as several IBM operations worldwide are laying off staff as part of the company's overall plan to cut 35,000 jobs by the end of the year.

The French unit's 1993 payroll costs stood at 5.9 billion francs, while it posted a loss of about 2.2 billion francs. The spokesman refused to say if the unit was profitable this year.

The wage cut, proposed by IBM France in November, is part of the company's reorganization in Europe. It is in line with an old, though now broken, IBM tradition to avoid job cuts. In addition, the unit's room for maneuver is limited by the French government, which is discouraging layoffs as French presidential elections loom.

Last month, skirting its unions, IBM France sent letters to 14,000 employees, urging them to accept the cuts. In return, it promised immediate onetime bonuses this year and additional benefits tied to the unit's performance.

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The European Commission has agreed to tariff concessions on U.S. industrial exports as part of a package to compensate the United States for the effects of the EU's enlargement.

· Sollac SA, a subsidiary of Usinor-Sacilor SA, is expected to announce it will trim up to 850 jobs of its 18,000 work force next year, a union source said.

• Russia has approved plans to offer part of its oil-pipeline system in return for a share in the Caspian Pipeline Consortium with Kazakhstan and Oman.

• National Westminster Bank PLC plans to buy a Wall Street investment firm to expand its U.S. capital market operations, the chairman of the British bank reportedly said.

• Henkel KGaA of Germany bought a 25 percent of common stock of Bombril SA for \$50 million, the Brazilian cleaning products

French Franc Stabilizes After Slide Against Mark

PARIS — The dollar was steady against other key currencies and Commerce Department ethics the French franc recovered against the Deutsche mark on Monday. With Paris the only major European market open, the dollar finished at 1.5800 DM, up from 1.5764 DM on Friday and 1.5793 DM in New York. The dollar rose to 100.35 yen, up from 100.13 of different regulations and tax yen Friday in Paris and 100.12 yen in New York.

The mark ended at 3.4530 francs, down from 3.4595 francs late Friday in Paris, its highest since November 1993, but up from 3.4519 in New York. The dollar rose to 5.4530 francs from 5.4455 in Paris on Friday and 5.4525 in New York. The franc has been weighed down by concern that France's next

president could condone inflationary economic policies, which could deter investors from buying French securities. Among leading sition, they seek to preserve the structure and relationships of work with its privatization arm. likely to uphold the stable franc policy. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

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possible conflicts of interest. Mr. Brown replied that there were none, citing reviews by lawyers and the Office of Government Ethics.

But from the business community — his department's chief constituent — Mr. Brown gets only praise. He seems eager for the challenge of trying to reorganize what has traditionally been one of the most disparate and disorderly agencies in The daily business of the

Commerce Department includes more than 100 governmental programs as diverse as weather forecasting, patent ad-ministration and high-tech research. It is such a bureaucratic crazy quilt that various observers have counseled solitting it into more manageable pieces. Mr. Brown's approach, his

aides say, has been to focus on a handful of missions most directly tied to Mr. Clinton's economic agenda of boosting growth and job creation by strengthening the U.S. technological infrastructure and by expanding American exports.

Jeffrey E. Garten, a finance specialist hired as undersecretary for international trade. said that 10 minutes into his

1993 employment interview with Mr. Brown, the secretary made it clear he wanted someone who would focus on the rapidly expanding economies of Latin America and Asia. From this came the Commerce Department's "Big Emerging Market" strategy -- which led, in turn, to Mr. Brown's trade mis-

and, next year, to India. For Mr. Brown, it was not enough simply to visit these countries. The trips had to produce results - in the form of contracts for U.S. companies and they were organized to do just that. Some of the executives who traveled with Mr. Brown actually had big deals pending with foreign governments -- so that they were able to use the

Mr. Brown's trips certainly have brought results to U.S. businesses. The companies whose executives have traveled with him have won \$13 billion in business deals, according to a Commerce Department tally.

A case in point was Mr. Brown's trip to Brazil in July. After the visit, Brazil awarded a contract worth as much as \$1.4 billion to Raytheon Co. for a complex, satellite-based system to monitor environmental con-

BROWN: The Commerce Secretary Has Emerged as One of Clinton's Best In an interview, Mr. Brown Charles B. Rangel, Democrat of did not minimize his role as New York, Mr. Brown's sense salesman. "I raised the issue of confidence was instilled long with every Brazilian I met, from

> contract Some industry analysts have said that Raytheon always had the inside track. But Raytheon and the Brazilian government say that, but for Mr. Brown's sions to China, South America intervention, the contract could easily have gone instead to a French-led consortium.

the president on down," Mr.

Brown said of the Raytheon

"Was the deal settled before he went? It's hard to say. It was well developed, but the visit of Mr. Brown was important," said José-Carlos Fonseca, chief of staff of Brazil's embassy in Washington.

This is not the first time Mr. commerce secretary as a kind of Brown has succeeded in assigntoo much for him. When he took over the Democratic Party chairmanship in 1989 after the lopsided defeat of the party's 1988 presidential candidate, Michael S. Dukakis, many people thought he would have trouble. How, skeptics wondered, could a Kennedy liberal who had supported Jesse Jackson in 1988 unite the party and raise

After Mr. Clinton's election four years later, Republican members of the Senate Commerce Committee considering Mr. Brown's nomination said that they were delighted to have Mr. Brown at Commerce, out of the Democratic National Com-

ago, in one of the more remarkable childhoods an African-American youngster could ever

Mr. Brown's father managed the Theresa Hotel on 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, Harlem's most famous address for black musicians, writers, political leaders and sports celebrities during the middle decades of this century. These celebrities stayed at the Theresa because downtown hotels would not take them.

Mr. Rangel was a desk clerk, whose job included looking after Ron Brown.

"All of the kids ran to the Theresa waiting for Joe Louis to ments others thought might be come home from the fight. The same with Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, Count Basic and Billy Eckstine when they performed across the street at the Apollo Theater. There was no place like it," Mr. Rangel said. In the center, making it work, was Mr. Brown's father.

"His father was so personable and well-known. Just having a father like that, I could , would make a Ron Brown feel comfortable no matter who he was dealing with," Mr. Ran-

As evidence that he is still in touch with his roots, Mr. Brown's aides point to the black and Hispanic business executives who have accompanied According to Mr. Brown's the Fortune 500 corporate leadlongtime friend, Representative ers on each of his overseas trips.

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Shanghai Quells **Market Faxes That Lack Facts**

SHANGHAI — Shanghai has scored an initial victory in a battle against rumor-mongers on the stock market by reining in facsimile services once guilty of spreading false information, a securities official said Monday.

We're not trying to control the spread of information. We're trying to protect investors," said Yu Zhongmin, an official at the Shanghai Securities Administration Office who is in charge of implementing the

China to Probe Financial Firms

SHANGHAI — China's central bank plans to investigate illegal business activities of foreign financial representative offices, the Shanghai Securities

News reported. The paper quoted an an-nouncement by the People's Bank of China saying some offices in Shanghai and Shenzhen were directly trading B shares on behalf of their headquarters or other foreign agencies in vio-lation of regulations.

B-class shares are reserved for foreign investors, but representative offices of foreign financial firms are not allowed to engage in commercial activities. Only licensed firms can engage in business. "To some extent this has created chaos in our country's normal financial activities," the announcement said.

new rules governing informa-tion distribution. "In the long run, we want the market to solve this problem but at the moment it is too immature."

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Last month, Shanghai announced regulations curbing all forms of securities information vendors to try to stamp out rampant speculation. The crackdown came after various market-information services reported that Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, was seriously ill. The reports sent stock prices crashing and angered Communist authorities.

Mr. Yu said the aim of the new rules was to stop the spread of rumors purporting to be facts. The rules did not stop news vendors offering analysis or trying to predict market trends, he said. Rumors could be reported if they were moving the market

"You can report that somebody's health is influencing trading," Mr. Yu said in reference to the reports on Mr. Deng. "But you can't state as fact that this person is ill."

He said fax services were the first to be targeted under the new rules. Of 20 such services existing before the clampdown, more than half have registered with Mr. Yu's office and are now required to submit for review a copy of everything they faxed to customers.

"If you report something as fact but cannot provide us with a source for your information then we consider that to be false information," Mr. Yu said.

Taiwan Funds Have Wanderlust Managers Brave Competition to Add Asian Offerings

TAIPEI - Taiwan's mutual-fund industry is launching into what some consider an unequal battle with international heavyweights over a slice of Asia's multibillion-dollar share-management

The industry had long been content to manage shares traded at the Taiwan Stock Exchange for local and overseas investors, but now it is gearing up to offer funds that consist of shares from other Asian bourses.

"Our companies are striking and trying to compete with the international powerhouses," said Daniel Chiang, vice president at International Investment Trust Co. and manager of the Taiwan ROC Fund, which is listed in New York.

The first step in this process is supposed to occur Friday, when Jardine Fleming Taiwan Investment Manage-ment Ltd. plans to begin the sale of the country's first-ever mutual fund of foreign stocks to be traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange.

Jardine Fleming Taiwan, which is 25 percent-owned by Jardine Fleming Group of Hong Kong, will try to raise up to 3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$114 million) for its JF (Taiwan) Japan New Generation Fund. The fund will hold shares from

stock exchanges in Tokyo and Osaka. Taiwan's mutual-fund industry is heading toward overseas expansion because of government reforms in 1992 that increased the number of industry players to 15 from four. Authorities are expected to allow three more companies to set up by the first half of 1995.

The move has unleashed furious competition at home among fund companies to raise money and generate business. Besides pressure from rival companies, fund managers are squeezed by limited stock choices and conservative securities regulations that limit their ability to differentiate their products. Taiwan only has about 300 publicly traded companies, and it does not have futures or other derivatives markets.

The first four companies to enter the Taiwan's mutual-fund industry in the 1980s — China Securities Investment Trust Corp., International Investment Trust, Kwang Hua Investment and Trust Co., and National Investment Trust have to tried sell overseas stock funds to local investors. None have been popular. Yet industry executives said investors now are increasingly interested in over-

Many observers express reservations about how Taiwan fund managers will match up in head-tohead competition with international managers.

Asia. According to Jardine Fleming Taiwan, Taiwan investors have poured roughly \$1 billion into overseas mutual funds managed by foreign companies in recent years.

"Taiwan investors can accept risk and are interested in high growth," and are particularly keen on Asian markets, said Edward Tsai, president of President Investment Trust Corp., which next year plans to offer Taiwan investors a fund consisting of shares from stock markets in Southeast Asia.

Investors "are also comfortable investing in a nearby country," and are comfortable betting on continued regional economic growth, said Jack Pan, manag-er of Jardine Fleming Taiwan's new Japan stock fund.

The industry's push for regional ex-pansion is getting gradual help from the Securities and Exchange Commission. which is increasing the number of Asian bourses in which it allows local companies to invest. Companies can now buy

shares in Japan, Singapore and Malay-sia. The SEC will open new markets as fund-management companies apply, said Loraine Chen, an SEC official.

Industry efforts to expand into overseas markets are also getting support from an unlikely source: the Central Bank of China, Taiwan's conservative central bank. Last week, the bank urged the SEC to allow more companies to seas stock investments, particularly in raise money at home for mutual-fund investment overseas.

Although companies are enthusiastic, many observers express reservations about how Taiwan fund managers will match up in head-to-head competition with international managers.

James Hsu, an adviser to Fubon Securities Investment Trust Co., said Taiwan fund companies do not have any experience investing in Asian markets. Fubon is trying to excel by just focusing on

Taiwan.
"We're trying to succeed at what we

can do best," he said.

Teh-hsiu Fu, managing director of the
Taiwan office of Fidelity Investments,
said overseas expansion is "a very natural outgrowth for the industry," yet it will be a while before the ambitious Taiwanese catch up with top foreign funds.

"One of the most important things they'll need is a track record" to persuade customers, he said. "They don'thave a track record right now.

■ China-Taiwan Trade Is on the Rise Trade between Taiwan and China rose more than fivefold percent from 1990 to 1993, Taiwan's Board of Foreign Trade said Monday, according to an Associat-

ed Press dispatch from Taipei. The value of trade between the two countries grew to \$14.39 billion in 1993 from \$2.57 billion in 1990, with China's exports to Taiwan rising 140 percent annually while Taiwan exports to China showed a yearly increase of 66 percent,

the trade agency said.

Taiwan's trade surplus with China rose to \$11.47 billion in 1993 from \$1.93 billion in 1990, it said.

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Very briefly:

• Fanue Ltd. raised its profit forecast for the year to March 31 by ... about 5 percent, to 30 billion yen (\$300 million), because of higher. demand for its numerically controlled lathes and industrial robots, the Nihon Keizai's news service reported.

• Nippon Steel Corp. plans to raise steel export prices and ask the government for further deregulation to help Japanese industry maintain its competitiveness.

Japanese bank profits for the six months to September fell by 16.9 percent from a year earlier, to a combined 789.5 billion yen, as bad-loan write-offs accelerated, the Federation of Bankers Associations of Japan said.

 PT Garuda Indonesia's nine idle Airbus A-300 B4 aircraft will be sold to a private Indonesian company for at least \$81 million, the ... Antara news agency reported. China's car industry will face another poor year in 1995 after

seeing profits drop 40 percent in 1994, the China Daily said. • Guangzhou, China, plans to spend 600 million yuan (\$70 million) to build a pier for passenger ferries serving Hong Kong.

PESO: As Mexico's Currency Slides, Investors Worry that Other Latin American Countries Face Similar Problems

"People have to avoid the herd instinct that was very damaging in 1982. There is not really a solid reason to sell off in one country because of what happens in another country."

After losing billions of dollars in Mexico last week, investors are indeed looking with a more skeptical eye at two other Latin giants thought to have overvalued currencies — Brazil and Argentina. In both countries, exporters are putting pressure on he governments to devalue their currencies to more internationally competitive levels.

"Any parallel with the Brazilian situation would be completely groundless," Gazeta Mercantil, Brazil's leading financial newspaper, wrote in an editorial.

Argentina, more vulnerable, has \$17 billion in reserves and a

By Louis Uchitelle

New York Times Service

stocks and bonds, according to estimates

biggest hit, suffering not only from the peso's devaluation but also from falling

stock prices. Their holdings were worth roughly \$20 billion on Dec. 1 and \$13.5 billion on Friday, the analysts estimated.

These losses are spread out over a lot of

people and institutions in the United

States," said Lawrence Brainard, head of

research for Chase Securities Emerging

Markets Group, a subsidiary of Chase Manhattan Corp. "And now these inves-

tors are trying to figure out whether to stay

in Mexico or sell their securities, take their

Mr. Brainard, Nariman Behravesh, in-

ternational economist at DRI/McGraw-

Hill, and Brian Barish, head of emerging

market research at Lazard Freres & Co.,

said Americans represent \$45 billion to \$50 billion of the \$73 billion in foreign

Roughly \$15 billion is in direct invest-

ment in factories, machinery and buildings

- investments that are largely immune to

devaluation, particularly if their goal is to make goods for export from Mexico.

The remaining \$30 billion to \$35 billion is in stocks, government bonds and other forms of Mexican interest-bearing peso

U.S. owners of Mexican stocks took the

by Wall Street analysts.

losses and leave."

investment in Mexico.

NEW YORK -The steep decline in the value of the Mexican peso has resulted in a potential loss of roughly \$8 billion to \$10 billion for American investors in Mexican

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\$6 billion trade deficit. Mea- their determination to stick to sured against the gross national product, Argentina's budget deficit is about one-third the size of Mexico's.

by law to the U.S. dollar. For President Carlos Saúl

rate can only be co vote in Congress, a long and inevitably noisy process that would give foreign investors Buenos Aires stock market.

On Thursday, Mr. Menem

Two factors stand against an immediate devaluation of the Argentine peso, which is linked

Menem, who is campaigning for re-election in May, it would be political suicide to tinker

and his economy minister, Domingo Cavallo, held a televised

their foreign-exchange policy. "We are not Mexico and we

will not devalue — Argentina will not alter its course," vowed Mr. Menem, who had radically slashed Argentina's budget deficit after becoming president in 1989. "There will not a devaluation. Totally to the contrary we are going to deepen the adiustment measures."

In Brazil, Fernando Henriwith the exchange rate, a cor- que Cardoso, who is to be inaunerstone of his inflation policy. gurated as president on Jan. 1, corded its first monthly trade In addition, the exchange met with his economic team hypothesis that calls for a currency devaluation."

Both leaders said they plenty of time to pull out of the planned to use "Mexico's warning" as a club to demand Congressional support next year for budget austerity.

For Brazil to reach Mr. Carnews conference to underline doso's 1995 goals of 5 percent trade over the next few years."

Can U.S. Investors Weather Mexico Storm?

Mexico's economic future might hinge on whether American investors will de-

camp, at least for a while, as they did after

Already, Mexican government officials and some American bankers and financiers

are arguing that nothing has really changed.

They say the peso, having lost more than a

quarter of its value against the U.S. dollar in

a single week, is now at its proper level, and

Americans can once again invest safely and

That was the message from Mexico's secretary of commerce, Jaime Serra Puche,

when he met with American executives at

the Federal Reserve Bank in New York on

Friday. He said that Mexico would hold to

policies that restrict domestic credit, bal-

ance the budget and maintain the peso's

value, now that the pressure on the peso

While some Americans at the meeting

"If the Mexican government imple-

ments the program as outlined by Minister

Serra, this should give additional opportu-

nities for accelerated Mexican export growth and therefore make Mexico attrac-

live for investment," said William Rhodes.

vice chairman of Citibank, a major holder

Mutual funds and pension funds, the biggest holders of Mexican debt, apparent-

ly suffered the largest losses from last

week's fall in the peso, and some brokerage houses that trade in Mexican securities

Fidelity Investments, the Boston-based

raised doubts about the future, others backed Mr. Serra's effort to get investment

profitably in Mexico.

had been relieved.

back on track.

of Mexican debt.

also may have lost money.

financial crises in the 1970s and 1980s.

cent now, he will need cooperation from Congress to slash state spending and encourage more investment from abroad.

growth and 25 percent infla-

With imports surging into Brazil, the trade surplus is expected to be cut in half next rent-account deficit, the broadest measure of trade, from \$1 billion this year to \$10 billion in 1995. In November, Brazil redeficit in seven years.

on, warning Brazil that it can-not go from megasurpluses to megadeficits in trade," said Carlos Langoni, a former president of the country's central bank. "The great Mexican lesson is the importance of maintaining reasonably balanced

mutual fund company and one of the big-gest investors in Mexican stocks and

bonds, said that eight of its funds had held

about \$800 million in Mexican securities

on Dec. 19, the day before the Mexican

government announced a 14 percent deval-

uation in the peso, beginning a process

that accelerated when the government de-

than \$1 billion in Mexican securities, ac-

cording to Alan Greenberg, chairman of the Wall Street firm. Bear, Stearns is one of

the most active American investment houses in the Mexican market, trading not

only for clients but investing tens of mil-

Mr. Greenberg and Warren Spector, the

firm's executive vice president, refused to say if Bear, Stearns itself had lost money as

a result of the falling peso, but they suggested that the firm had not. "We are very

pleased with our performance," Mr. Spec-

tor said, "and we are not reducing our

Mr. Spector and Mr. Greenberg argued

that Mexico remains a good investment, because its economy is slowly gaining in efficiency and industrial production.

"People will get their confidence back and once again they'll be buying Mexican securities," Mr. Greenberg said.

But others on Wall Street are less san-

guine than Mr. Greenberg and Mr.

Rhodes. "The Mexican government still

needs to spell out a coherent set of eco-nomic policies given that the peso has been devalued." Mr. Brainard of DRI/Mc-

lions of dollars of its own money.

commitment to Latin America."

Clients of Bear, Stearns & Co. held more

cided to float the peso.

For foreign investors, the the Chiapas state and the assastion, down from about 50 per- Mexican devaluation also offers sinations of the ruling party's cent now, he will need coopera- a reminder of the risks of president and presidential candia reminder of the risks of emerging markets and of the propensity of politicians to betray their promises.
"Mexico's officials were per-

ceived as the most credible in Latin America," Lars Schonyear, taking the country's cur- ander, Latin American economist for Baring Securities Ltd. in New York, said. "Their word was good. Now their word is not good. Where does that leave Brazil, a country with an appalling record of economic percent for this year, up from plans going up in flames?"

45.9 percent in 1993.]

Seeking lessons on Latin America from Mexico, analysts also look at issues of political

date. But of the region's other leading countries, political instability seems only to threaten Venezuela, a nation with a shrinking economy and rising in-

flation. [Venezuela's gross domestic product shrank 3.3 percent in 1994, the Central Bank said Monday, according to a Knight-Ridder dispatch from Caracas. Inflation was estimated at 70.8

In the next six months, voters in Peru and Argentina are expected to re-elect incumbent presidents who have put their In the past year, Mexico has country's economies on high

undergone a guerrilla revolt in growth, low-inflation tracks. **EUROPEAN FUTURES** Stock Index CAC 49 (MATIF) FP200 per index s Financial Markets Closed BYEAR FRENCH GOV. BONDS (MATIF) FF388,800 - pts of 100 pcf Mer 111,14 111,04 110,36 - 0.08 Jun 110,46 110,40 110,36 - 0.08 Sep 107,22 107,20 107,20 - 0.08 M.T. N.T. Urich. Most financial markets in Asia, Europe and the Americas were closed Monday for Christ-

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SPORTS

In Racing-Mad Hong Kong, Gambling Is 'Magic' political upheaval had at least two pro- on-track betting is done on efficient

Second in a series

By Andrew Beyer Vashington Past Service

HONG KONG - When the Breeders' Cup was run at Churchill Downs in Kentucky, virtually every track in the United States offered wagering on the event, and the betting totaled \$84 million, a formidable figure by American standards.

Kong.
All of the betting statistics here are similarly amazing. Last season, \$8.6
Why is H billion was wagered on the races at Happy Valley and Sha Tin, almost as much as the annual handle in the United States, even though Hong Kong's two tracks run only about 500 races a year. And these numbers reflect only tions in most of the countries they have legal wagering; illegal action is said to colonized. Here, it was planted in a entice their customers by offering re- qualitis about betting. It is a popular the last century, it used to be a clubby, bates on losing bets. Nothing in the notion that the Chinese rank among elitist institution, content to do a modworld compares to the level of gam-

to be as frenetic as the city itself. But, on my first night at Happy Valley, I was mostly struck by the quietness of umnist of The Washington Post, spent the crowd of 35,000. Virtually every the past month traveling in the Far East. horseplayer was carrying and consult-Many were wearing earphones, listen- pore "are not so gambling-mad." ing to radio commentary on the races. They went about the business of gambling in deadly earnest; this was no mere recreation.

The local passion for betting mes-Four nights later, on the other side merizes everyone who observes it. Paul of the world, Happy Valley race course Makin, an Australian gambler, migrathere conducted a six-race program.

The quality of the competition was moderate; there were no special attractions and the served, "People here seem to have a tions. Yet the wagering added up to different attitude toward winning and \$117 million, the equivalent of \$20 for losing than you and I. They take the every man, woman and child in Hong of life. They love to bet. That's why it's

> Why is Hong Kong such a horse-crazed city? The answer lies in its unique culture and ethnic composi-

The British established racing tradibe massive, too, because bookmakers culture that harbors no puritanical the world's most avid gamblers. But est level of business. But after the Felix Cheung, a magazine editor, takes Communists took power in China and bling in Hong Kong.

Felix Cheung, a magazine editor, takes Communists took power in China and tion, which takes more than 500,000 races themselves is nothing comp
I had expected the race tracks here exception to this stereotype, asserting refugees flooded into Hong Kong, the phone calls on a race day. Most of the to the dramas in the grandstand.

Andrew Beyer, the horse racing col-

ing at least one racing publication. that the Chinese in Macao and Singa-"The reasons for the level of betting aversion to income taxes.

here are social and economic rather than cultural," he speculates. Hong Kong is an affluent city in which plenty of people have dispos-able income with which to gamble. It is a city devoted to business and com-

involves making money? "In America," said Major General Guy Watkins, chief executive of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, "you have many other sports which arouse major TV and spectator interest. We don't have that here. No team from

The betting boom here is a recent phenomenon. Although the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club dates from

found effects on racing. First, thou-self-service terminals. sands of these immigrants were going to the races at Happy Valley, boosting its business to record levels. The influx of refugees also created massive social problems and a need for more government revenue in a city with a fierce

So the governor and the chairman of the Jockey Club struck a plan to turn over a substantial portion of revenues from racing to civic purposes. Over the here. years, money from racing would build hospitals and colleges and a 40,000merce. So what better form of amuseseat stadium.

ment could there be than one that The grateful government in turn allowed the Jockey Club a monopoly on gambling. Its business has grown steadily and the racing industry is one institution unworried about its future after 1997, when China takes over Hong Kong from Britain. General Watkins has met with Chinese leaders Hong Kong is involved in competition and he said: "They know we provide with another city. Racing has made resources for the government. They've itself into the major sports opportunition and he said: "They know we provide resources for the government. They've itself into the major sports opportunition."

> As it sought to maximize its revenues, the Jockey Club developed a betting system as sophisticated as any in the world. It runs 124 off-track betting

But racing in Hong Kong has one restraint on its growth; space. Every inch of real estate in this city is precious; there is limited space available for stabling and training facilities, and none for breeding farms. All racehorses are imported and members of the Jockey Club must draw lots for the right to have one of the 900 or so thoroughbreds who can be stabled

The quality of racing is, by world standards, moderate: the top horses would be no better than allowanceclass runners at an American track; the skill of the jockeys is not impressive. But the leaders of the industry take an understandable pride in all they have created, and they are disappointed that only one aspect of their racing is noticed by the outside world.

In a history of the sport here, author Austin Coates wrote, "The beauty of the night races, the splendor of the Sha Tin course, the fraternity existing between thousands of people of different races and nationalities... none of this is noticed abroad; only the betting."

But the gambling is indeed what facilities throughout Hong Kong. It makes Hong Kong racing so unique and so compelling. The drama of the has a massive telephone betting opera- and so compelling. The drama of the tion, which takes more than 500,000 races themselves is nothing compared

UConn-Israeli Ties Growing (Upward)

By Jack Cavanaugh

the fifth Israeli to play basketball at the University of Connecticut in the last five seasons. Un Cohen-Mintz has this distinction: at 6 feet, 10 inches, he is the tallest of that group.

But before he is done, the 21year-old Cohen-Mintz hopes to be remembered for more than his height. And the UConn men's coach, Jim Calhoun, says he thinks he will be.

"Uri can be a very good player for us," Calhoun said recently. "And by next year he could be a starter. He's very athletic for his size and he shoots exceptionally well from outside. Uri's also a good passer and handles the ball well. But he has to improve on his dribble."

Cohen-Mintz's main drawback is not his game, but his lack of strength. "Uri is the weakest kid on the team, and as a result gets knocked off the play a lot," said Calhoun, whose Huskies are off to a 5-0 start and ranked 10th in The Associated Press poll.

Cohen-Mintz, a freshman who weighs 215 pounds (95 kilograms), agreed that he has to get stronger to withstand the banging in the Big East Conference. "The Big East is a very physical league and you can get pushed around if you're not strong," he said.

So far, Cohen-Mintz has been brought along slowly. He has played only a few minutes, grabbed one rebound and made one of the five shots he has taken. But Calhoun expects that he will be more of a force as the season progresses.

"If he were stronger, Uri could be our sixth or seventh man," the coach said, "but as it is he's our ninth or 10th player. But I think that's going to change once he gets stronger."

Cohen-Mintz is the latest member of the UConn's Israeli connection, which began when Nadav Henefield spent the 1989-90 season with the Hus-

After Henefield, Gilad Katz was a backup guard for Connecticut for two seasons, and Orly Grossman joined the nationally ranked women's team for the 1990-91 season. Then, last season, the 6-5 Doron Sheffer had an outstanding freshman season with the Huskies' men. Cohen-Mintz said the pres-

ence of Sheffer, a sophomore with one more year of eligibility, has made it easier for him to adapt to the school. For one thing, it gives him someone to speak with in Hebrew, both on and off the basketball court.

"I like the atmosphere here," Cohen-Mintz said. "But it's very different from Israel."

For a student still struggling with the English language and a new environment, Cohen-Mintz has not shied away from difficult courses. During the first semester, his study load included courses in algebra, sta-

tistics, English and theater and dance. And during the spring STORRS, Connecticut - As semester his courses will include physics and calculus.

Cohen-Mintz's father, Donchum, who is 6-8, was an outstanding player in Israel in the 1960s. "He was the George Mikan of Israel," Calhoun said, referring to the former Minneapolis Lakers star who was the first great big man in American basketball

Despite his parental legacy, Cohen-Mintz did not take basketball seriously until he was 15. But he has made swift progress, and last summer he played with Sheffer on the Israeli team in the 22-and-under championships in Europe.

Before that he spent a mandatory three year term in the Israeli Army (as did Henefield, Sheffer and Katz), and then played with the Givat club team last season, averaging 15 points and 9 rebounds a game. "I had heard about Uri dur-

ing some of my trips to Israel," said Calhoun. "First, I saw him play on tape, and then last April got to see him in person.' Such recruiting has helped make the Huskies one of Isra-.

el's favorite American college basketball team. Sheffer, last season's rookie

of the year in the Big East, said, "Naday started the relationship between Israel and UConn, and if he hadn't, I don't think UConn would still be getting players from Israel and that players from Israel would be considering UConn."

Tim Tolokan, associate di-

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rector of athletes at Connecti-cut, said that Sheffer is more known in Israel than Henefield. "Doron is huge in Israel," said Tolokan, who heads the UConn sports information office. When he went back to play in the qualifying championships in November, he was greeted like a hero. The anticipation was tremendous."

The Israeli news media interest in the Huskies continues to grow. "We get calls constantly from newspapers and the elec-tronic media," Tolokan said.

"We send out box scores and?" summaries to a number of Isracli papers, including The Jerusalem Post. And this season 13 of our games are being shown on Israeli television, most of them on tape delay. We've even had TV crews come to Storrs from Israel to do segments on Doron and Uri."

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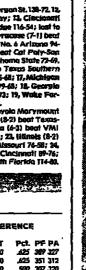
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A CROWDED OCEAN — With spinnaker sails billowing in every color of the rainbow, 371 yachts, a fleet twice the

size of any other in the history of the Sydney-to-Hobart race, set sail Monday from Australia for the 50th

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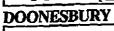












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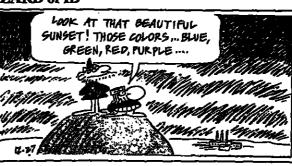


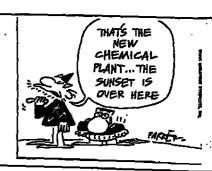


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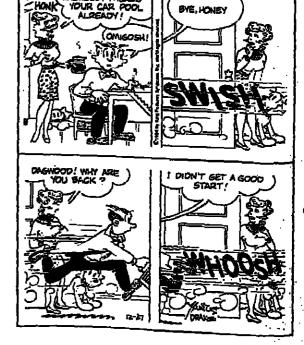


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A Major Figure In Bastia Soccer Tragedy Is Slain

BASTIA, Corsica — One of the major figures in the 1992 stadium collapse that killed 17 persons, who was scheduled to stand trial for manslaughter next week, was shot deed Monday Police said. dead Monday, police said.

Jean-François Filippi, 52, mayor of the nearby town of Lucciana, was shot several times and killed outside his home. His wife was seriously injured in the attack and was hospitalized in Bastia, officials

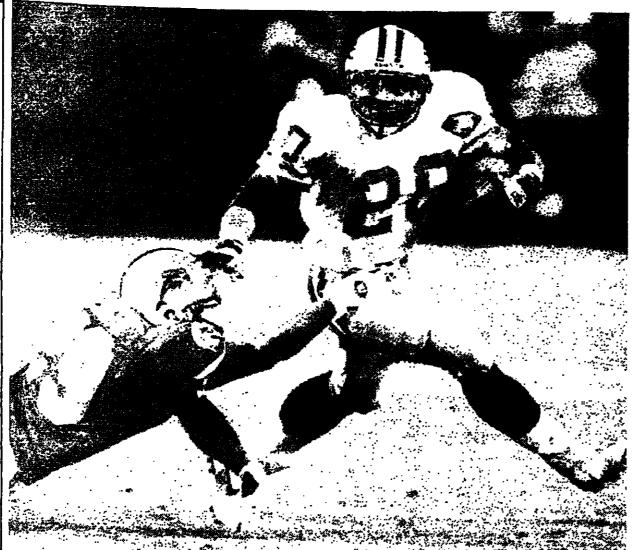
Filippi, along with 13 others, was to have gone on trial Jan. 4 in connection with the collapse of a temporary stand at Bastia's Furiani soccer stadium on May 5, 1992, shortly before kickoff of the French Cup semifinal between Bastia and Olympique de Marseille. In addition to the 17 spectators who were killed, more than 2,000 were injured.

Filippi, who managed a big transport company, was president of the Bastia Football Club at the time of the collapse.

He had been the target of numerous anonymous threats since the tragedy, police said.

A government commission that investigated the disaster concluded that the builders of the stand, a Nice-based company named Sud-Tribunes, had not followed construction regulations.

(Reuters, AFP)



Barry Sanders eluded Frankie Smith for five yards early on, but got just 20 that half and 52 during the game.

Dolphins Hold Off Lions To Win AFC East Title

By Charlie Nobles

New York Times Service came out swarming and putting MIAMI — With their first-pressure on their offense." quarter demons finally extricated, the Miami Dolphins put together their most impressive first half of the season. They needed it.

Miami held off the Detroit Lions, 27-20, on Sunday night, giving the Dolphins the American Conference East champion-ship with a 10-6 record and a first-round home game this weekend against the Kansas City Chiefs, who lost to Miami here in mid-December, 45-28.

The Lions' loss, leaving them at 9-7, sends them on the road next weekend in a matchup that would be determined by the outcome of Monday night's San Francisco-Minnesota game in the National Football League regular-season finale.

This game wasn't over until the Dolphins got a break to keep possession at the 2-minute mark. Facing a third down and 19 at the Detroit 49-yard line, Dan Marino completed a short pass to Aaron Craver, who rambled to the 23 before fumbling.

Fortunately for Miami, receiver Irving Fryar was there pick up the ball. With no timeouts left, Detroit could only watch Miami run out the clock.

"Our defense was the difference tonight," said the Dolphins' coach, Don Shula. "They

It was a nervous, yet sweet, night for Shula, still confined to a motor cart because of recent Achilles' tendon surgery. The victory allowed Shula to break a tie with George Halas for the NFL career record for regular-season victories with 319. Shula also holds the NFL record for

overall victories with 337. The Dolphins came in ranked just 22d among NFL defenses, but they largely did an effective job on Barry Sanders, who was trying to become just the league's third runner to reach 2,000 yards in a season. Sanders finished the night with 52 yards on 12 carries, giving him 1,883 yards for the regular season.

Meanwhile, Marino broke his single-season record for pass completions, his 26 giving him 385 for the season, while Bernie Parmalee became the first Miami runner since 1989 to rush for 3 touchdowns in one game.

In the first half, Detroit managed to produce an oddity: 10 points without one first down. The points came on a 32-yard field goal by Jason Hanson that followed a Miami fumble at its 20-yard-line, and Johnnie Morton's 93-yard kickoff return.

Still, the Dolphins left little

their seven possessions that half for a 27-10 lead. Parmalee scored on runs of 1, 1 and 6 yards and Pete Stoyanovich kicked field

goals of 40 and 45 yards. With Sanders having nowhere to go in the first half — his 7 rushes netted just 20 yards – Miami had an overwhelming ball-control advantage. In fact, Detroit had the ball just 7:21.

 Justice Smith slammed over from 2 yards out. David Gordon kicked a 35-yard field goal and the Boston College defense got a safety to give the Eagles a 12-7 victory over 11thranked Kansas State in the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu.

Both teams struggled in game that saw a record 19 punts. The Eagles got only 13 first downs and Kansas State seven, its first coming with 1:27 left in the first half. (AP)

• Joe Aska, the Central Oklahoma running back who is blind in one eye, rushed for two touchdowns and set up the winning touchdown with a 35-yard run as the Blue won the annual Blue-Gray all-star game, 38-27,

in Montgomery, Alabama. Quarterback Kelly Holcomb of Middle Tennessee State was the Gray's most valuable player, completing 9 of 16 passes for 158 yards and one touchdown.

Pippin Rescues Bulls, Knicks Lose a 5th

CHICAGO - When the final horn sounded, Steve Kerr hugged Scottie Pippen, as well he should have.

Kerr had let the New York Knicks tie the score at the end of regulation with what he called "one of the all-time bonehead plays." But Pippen then rescued Kerr and the Chicago Bulls in overtime.

Pippen had season highs with 36 points and 16 rebounds Sunday night in a 107-104 victory

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that gave the Bulls their first two-game winning streak at the new United Center.

their fifth straight - their longest skid since 1990 and the worst in the illustrious career of their coach, Pat Riley. Pippen scored all seven Chi-

cago points in an overtime that never would have taken place had Kerr not messed up.
"Fortunately," he said, "we

pulled through or I'd be buried in the sand right now." With the Bulls ahead, 100-97, New York's Anthony Mason threw a full-court inbounds pass toward Charles Smith and Derek Harper. The ball went to Kerr, but instead of catching it, he batted it with both hands right to Hubert Davis. With

25-foot shot that went in. "I felt horrible," said Kerr, a smart, fundamentally sound player. "It was embarrassing. Not only does it happen, but it happens on national TV, on Christmas night with the whole

four-tenths of a second left, Da-

vis heaved up an off-balance,

world watching.
"I thought Harper was going to get it behind me. At the last second, I got the ball. But I had

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It was a hands-on game as Detlef Schrempf (left) and Bryant Smith battled for the ball.

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Of course, I had a clear shot at it and it ended up being one of the all-time bonehead plays." The game, between last May's Eastern Conference

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semifinalist, was filled with hard fouls and verbal ex-

hitting Toni Kukoc in the head. Nuggets 105, Sonics 96: Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 23 points and Rodney Rogers

added 22 as Denver, playing at home, ended Seattle's fourgame winning streak.

Detief Schrempf and Kendall changes. John Starks was eject- Gill had 21 points each for the playoffs.

Sonics. But the Nuggets held Shawn Kemp to 10, his secondlowest output of the year. Kemp played only 20 minutes because of foul trouble and

It was the first meeting of the teams since last spring, when the Nuggets, seeded eighth, climinated the top-seeded Sonics in the first round of the NBA

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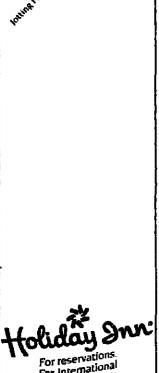
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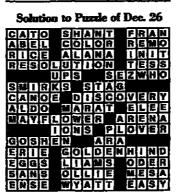
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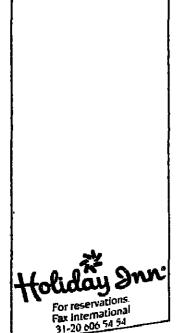
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Holiday Togetherness

mas holidays are the happiest days of the year. The children are home from college, every-one is in a good mood, and all of us learn what family celebra-

tions are really about And so it is for my friends, Joene and Bill Gessner, who

spend the entire month of December counting their blessings and talking about seeing

them again. i stopped by the other day to invite Bill

and Joene to Buchwald see the show "Tommy" with me, but Joene said. "We'd love to, but Cameron. Grant and Katie are home from school and we get so little time with them that we're not making any appointments for the next two weeks."

"I can understand that," I told Joene. "Where are the kids now?

Bill said, "Katie is skiing in Sugarbush, Cameron went to visit his girl in Fort Lauderdale, and Grant is upstairs sleeping."

"At 1 in the afternoon?" Joene tried to explain. "He didn't get in till 4 in the morning. We know because we watched old movies on TV all night waiting for him."

Were you worried about "No, we just wanted to see what he looked like. Kids change so fast, you have to grab them while you can."

"Maybe you were a little hasty when you tore up your entire social calender to spend time with the children. They don't appear to have much time

for you," I suggested. down this morning at 10, had a ute."

WASHINGTON — For cap of coffee and went back to bed. It was very exciting, particbed. It was very exciting, particularly when he recognized both

> Joene added, "We even talked for several minutes, and he told us many things about his life and what his hopes and dreams were for the future."

Bill turned to Joene and said. "Did you hear something? I think Le's up."

Joene clapped her hands. "He's up, he's up. I have to make him a wonderful break-

I said, "I guess this is a big moment for me. I am rarely around when a college student is on his feet."

I then asked, "What are you guys doing New Year's Eve?"
"We're keeping it open in case the kids want to spend it with us. Last year they all went out, but perhaps this year we'll just build a lovely fire, roast

chestnuts and sing 'Auld Lang Syne' with their friends," Joene aid wistfully. Bill told me, "They would never forgive us if we made plans for ourselves when they

were home, even if they wanted no part of them."
"Out of curiosity, what do you talk about when the kids

are home?" "It's never happened," Joene confessed. "The minute they come in the door they throw their bags in the hall and are off to see their pals. We know that they're O. K. because we call the parents of their friends and they give us a full report on our

for them. "Well, if you change your mind about Tommy let me know.

children. In turn we do the same

"We can't. We haven't heard from Cameron in a week. We have to stay here on the ofi Bill sounded defensive. chance that he could come "That isn't true. Grant came through the door at any minIndia's Bandit Queen, Outlawed Live and on Screen tress who plays Devi in the movie. said she found the role so traumatic By Molly Moore

scenes, nudity and depiction of sensitive political issues. Devi, who is illit-

erate and was only recently freed

after 11 years in prison, has sued to keep the film out of Indian cinemas,

charging invasion of privacy.

The debate over "Bandit Queen"

has titillated a public that has been

forbidden to see the movie even

though it has been shown at the

Cannes, London and Toronto film

But the rancor over "Bandit

Queen" goes deeper than the debate

over sex and violence. The movie

offers a brutal view of the way wom-

en are treated in poor rural Indian

"Her personal story, extraordinary

as it is, reflects many aspects of life as

experienced by thousands of women

in rural India who continue to strive

against a feudal order that persists in

a 'modern' society, a society in which peasantry collides with capitalist markets and technology," Mala Sen,

Devi's biographer, writes in her introduction to "India's Bandit Queen:

The True Story of Phoolan Devi,"

from which the movie was adapted.

Seema Biswas, the 29-year-old ac-

festivals.

NEW DELHI — Phoolan Devi was born dirt poor, low caste during the filming. "I was married when I was II," and female. She grew up hard and fast in rural north India: married at Devi begins, swathed in a white cotton shawl that swallows her now-frail age 11, abandoned by her husband, iailed, raped, kidnapped by bandits. 4-foot, 10-inch (1.47-meter) frame. By the time she was 20. Devi had "If I hadn't gotten married at that young age, my life would not have turned outlaw, and in the inhospitable desert ravines of her native land been ruined."

that she suffered a near breakdown

Speaking with a reporter at her New Delhi apartment, where she is she became a legend, feared and revered as the "Bandit Queen," leader of a gang of dacoits - robbers attempting to begin a new life with a new husband, she says softly in her that plundered and murdered, often stealing from the rich higher castes native Hindi dialect, "Even now I and sharing with the poor lower fight with my mother about it."

One of six children born to a poor Her story is the stuff of movies: north Indian farmer who worked Modern Indian Robin Hood and other people's arid land. Devi said her parents struggled just to feed their offspring. When a relative Bonnie Parker, with a touch of Gloria Steinem. But "Bandit Queen" --India's nominee for Best Foreign found a prospective groom, her parents agreed to the match. The man Film Oscar — has become one of the most controversial films ever to come gave the family a cow, customary in marital arrangements, and took the frightened bride home. out of Bombay's "Bollywood" stu-The Indian film censor board has

My parents had the best intentions for me," Devi now says. "They banned the movie because of its rape thought, 'He's got money. My daughter will be married. She'll be hap-"No one knew that he was not a man, he was a monster.

Devi said that her husband took a second wife and that the two often beat her. Finally he abandoned her on a riverbank.

How she ended up with bandits is murky. She has said she was kidnapped and physically abused by the gang leader. As to why she gave in, even when she had the chance to escape, Devi told her biographer, "A piece of property has no choice."

In the early 1980s, in the ravines of

the rugged Chambral Valley in the state of Uttar Pradesh, the legend of the Bandit Queen was born. At the height of her fame, Devi was glorified by newspapers. The Phoolan Devi Doll, in her signature uniform with a bandolier, was one of the hottestselling toys in India.

But just as the villages were divided by caste, so were some of the bandit gangs. Thus, one day two upper-caste outlaws shot and killed the lower-caste bandit who was Devi's lover. Devi was taken to the village of Devi recognized the village as Beh-



Phoolan Devi: "A piece of property has no choice."

Behmai and gang-raped by a group mai, the home of the two men who of upper-caste men.

In the scene that most scandalized the censor board, Devi is stripped and forced to walk naked through the village, fetching the men water from a well as the entire village looks on.

Devi, in an interview, did not deny that the events occurred but said it was an invasion of her privacy to put them on display in movie theaters. The most private and sensitive things in a woman's life have been portrayed in this film," she said.

In real life and in the movie, Devi sought her revenge. On Feb. 14, 1981, her gang stormed an isolated village.

had murdered her lover and the site of her humiliation.

Sen's biography and newspaper accounts say Devi had her men sweep the town in search of the murderers. Two dozen upper-caste men were dragged from their homes and lined up on a riverbank. The bandits opened fire, leaving 20 dead.

The police put 2,000 officers and a helicopter on her trail. In adventures worthy of Keystone Kops episodes, Devi repeatedly outsmarted the po-

While the press and the villagers delighted in the escapades of the Bandit Queen, she was no laughing matter for politicians. The political

pressure became so intense that V. P. Singh —later prime minister of India - had to resign as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Finally, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi told law enforcement officials that if they couldn't catch Devi, they should cut a deal with her - on

her terms - for her surrender. In February 1983, with most of her gang members dead and her health failing, Devi agreed to surrender on the conditions that she not be hanged, that her men serve no more than eight years, that her brother be given a government job, that her father be given a plot of land and that her entire family, along with the family cow and goat, be escorted by police to her surrender ceremony.

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She was charged with 48 crimes, including allegations that she shot some of the 20 men killed in the Behmai massacre. But for 11 years her trials were delayed by changes in government and jurisdictional fends. Finally, when a lower-caste political party won election in Uttar Pradesh. she was freed on bail.

"In jail, my only dream was to get out," said Devi. "I thought life would be easy once I was free, I didn't know would have to continue my fights."

Within weeks, the controversy over the movie created a renewed media feeding frenzy. She has re-ceived death threats, and the govern-ment has assigned bodyguards to her.

As for her legal situation, the movie couldn't have come at a more delicate time. There are still 48 criminal charges, including murder, pending. One of Devi's greatest fears is that movie scenes could be used against her in a trial.

Even though she is now at war with her biographer, Sen, and received \$13,000 for the rights to her story for the movie. Devi already has begun cooperating with a French author for

a new biography.
But mostly, Devi says she just wants to move on with her life. She married a New Delhi business contractor five months after she left prison. Now she says she would like to start a national social organization to help poor women, child brides and women newly released from prison.

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E NTERTAINMENT Weekly magazine has named Tom Hanks entertainer of the year. "It's an embarrassment of riches." Hanks said in an article in the magazine. recalling a year that included an Oscar for his role in "Philadelphia" and widespread acclaim for his performance in "Forrest Gump." I mean, you can't plan on this. and you can't desire it too much," he said. "You can only sort of let it wash over you and say, 'Man, oh man! How'd that happen?" Who was that guy? "The Top 12 are, besides Hanks: the actor-comedian Tim Alien, director Quentin Tarantino, the actress Heather Locklear, the actor-comedian Jim Carrey, author Michael Crichton, the actor Hugh Grant, actress and talk-show host Ricki Lake, the hip-hop quartet Boyz II Men, the actor Dennis Franz, actor-comedian Brett Butler and the alternative-rocker Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails.

A Los Angeles judge has decided to let the first batch of Academy Award ballots go out without the movie "The Last Seduc-The Academy of Motion Picture Artsand Sciences ruled John Dahl's "The Last Seduction" ineligible because it made its debut on television, and makers of the film



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A banner year for Tom Hanks.

argued that the "no TV" rule amounts to restraint of trade. The judge set a hearing for Jan. 6, but by that time, 20 percent of the ballots will have been mailed to academy members who live outside California. The movie stars Linda Fiorentino, who was named best actress by the New York Film Critics Circle.

The Rolling Stones will play a tribute to Antonio Carlos Johim on the Brazilian leg of their Voodoo Lounge Tour in February. Jobin, writer of "The Girl From Ipanema" and a driving force behind the bossa nova craze of the 1960s, died on Dec. 8.

The Daily News in New York reports that John F. Kennedy Jr., a former assistant district attorney, was stopped by a patrol officer in Madison Square Park for letting his dog romp without a leash and

Chet Atkins wants NBC to know that he's still alive and pickin'. "NBC News Nightside" inadvertently listed the 70-year old guitarist among celebrities who had died in 1994. "You know, I wish I'd have seen that and I'd have known what it would be like when I do kick the bucket," Atkins said. The multiple-Grammy winner speculated that someone confused him with actor Claude Akins, who died in January.

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